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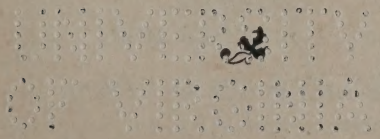

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TIME AND PLACE OF SYNOD.

Time—Tuesday, August 23, 1910, at 8 p. m.

Place—St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church, Shepherdstown, W. Va.

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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTIETH CONVENTION
OF THE
EVANG. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia met in Bethany Evangelical Lutheran church, Rockbridge county, Va., on Tuesday evening, August 17, 1909. The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D., of Winchester, Va,

FIRST SESSION.

BETHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1909, 9 A. M.

The Synod was formally opened by the President, Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D., according to the order for opening Synod in the Book of Worship. The clerical roll was called, and the absentees noted. Lay-delegates presented their credentials, and the names of those entitled to seats in the Synod were enrolled.

CLERICAL ROLL.

MINISTERS.	POSTOFFICE.	ORDAINED.
Rev. J. M. Shreckhise	Raphine, Va., R. F. D. No. 1	1858
" J. A. Snyder, D. D.*	Woodstock, Va	1859
" P. Miller	Rio, W. Va	1860
" H. C. Haithcox, D. D	Shepherdstown, W. Va	1872
" L. G. M. Miller, D. D	Mt. Pleasant, S. C.	1874
" A. M. Smith*	Winchester, Va., R. F. D	1876
" C. A. Marks*	Gapland, Md	1877
" W. J. Smith	Bloom, Frederick county, Va.	1878
" L. L. Smith, D. D	Strasburg, Va.	1880
" George S. Bowers, D. D	Winchester, Va., 126 N. Market St	1883
" J. G. Graichen	Waynesboro, Va	1883
" E. L. Folk	Middlebrook, Va	1884
" G. E. Shuey	Dayton, Va	1886
" S. L. Keller*	Waynesboro, Va., R. F. D. No. 3	1887
" J. A. Huffard	Luray, Va.	1888
" W. P. Huddle	Madison Courthouse, Va	1888
" W. J. D. Scherer*	Woodstock, Va	1889
" J. A. Morehead, D. D	Salem, Va.	1892
" A. D. R. Hancher	Staunton, Va., 12 Fayette St	1892
" J. F. Bruch	Staunton, Va., R. F. D. 7	1894
" C. W. Cassell	Stephens City, Va.	1896
" D. W. Files	Mt Sidney, Va	1896
" J. W. Shuey	Portsmouth, Va., 1021 North St.	1897
" W. H. Riser	Norfolk, Va., 102 Charlotte St.	1898
" W. W. J. Ritchie*	Churchville, Va.	1898
" E. A. Repass, Ph. D	New Market, Va	1900
" J. M. Tise	Jadwyn, Va	1903
" J. J. Scherer, Jr	Richmond, Va., 2514 Hanover Avenue	1904
" M. L. Canup	Mt. Jackson, Va	1907
" L. S. G. Miller*	Kumamoto, Japan	1907
" J. I. Coiner	Lexington, Va., R. F. D. No. 1	1908
" A. C. Karkau	Newport News, Va., 109 27th St.	1909

*Absent and excused.

REGISTER.

NUMBER.	PASTORATES.	CHURCHES.	PASTORS.
1	Bethany	Bethany	Rev. J. I. Coiner.
2	Bethlehem	Bethlehem	Vacant.
3	Buena Vista	Trinity	Rev. J. G. Graichen.
4	Capon	Hebron, St. Peter, Trinity, Trout Run, and Fairview	Rev. A. M. Smith.
5	Churchville	St. Peter, Pleasant View	Rev. W. W. J. Ritchie.
6	Gravel Springs	Bethel, Fremont, Gravel Springs, St. John, St. James	Rev. W. J. Smith.
7	Harrisonburg	Muhlenberg	Vacant.
8	Luray	Bethlehem, St. Mark, Ebenezer	Rev. J. A. Huffard.
9	Madison	Hebron, Mt. Pisgah	Rev. W. P. Huddle.
10	Middlebrook	Holy Trinity, Newport, St. Mark	Rev. E. L. Folk.
11	Mt. Jackson	Mt. Calvary, Bethel, St. James	Rev. M. Luther Canup.
12	Mt. Tabor	Mt. Tabor	Rev. J. F. Bruch.
13	New Market	St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Martin	Rev. E. A. Repass, Ph. D.
14	Newport News	Trinity	Rev. A. C. Karkau.
15	Norfolk	First Church	Rev. W. H. Riser.
16	North River	North River, St. James, Mt. Moriah	Rev. Peter Miller.
17	Portsmouth	First Lutheran Church	Rev. J. W. Shuey.
18	Richmond	First English Lutheran Church	Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr.
19	Rockingham	Frieden, St. John, Trinity	Rev. G. E. Shuey.
20	Salem	Salem, Melanchthon Chap., St. James	Rev. D. W. Files.
21	Shenandoah	Mt. Zion, St. Luke, Lebanon	Rev. J. M. Tise.
22	Shepherdstown	St. Peter, St. James	Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.
23	Spring Valley	New Mt. Olive, Spring Valley	Vacant.
24	Staunton	Christ	Rev. A. D. R. Hancher.
25	Stephens City	Trinity, St. Paul	Rev. C. W. Cassell.
26	Strasburg	St. Paul, St. Peter	Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D.
27	Waynesboro	Grace	Rev. J. G. Graichen.
28	Winchester	Grace	Rev Geo. S. Bowers, D. D.
29	Woodstock	Emanuel	Rev. W. J. D. Scherer.
30	Zion-St James	Zion-St. James	Rev. S. L. Keller.

LAY-DELEGATES.

Bethany, J. W. Engleman; Bethlehem, Luther A. Zirkle; Gravel Springs, George W. Rinker; Madison, R. A. Graves; Middlebrook, P. M. Sensabaugh; Mt. Jackson, E. A. Lutz; Mt. Tabor, Jas. L. Shuey; Newport News, Jacob Bergvall; Portsmouth, E. M. Armentrout; Richmond, Jacob Umlauf; Rockingham, S. T. Shank; Shenandoah, William H. Riffey; Shepherdstown, Mayberry McKee; Spring Valley, T. J. Huffman; Salem, C. B. Dull; Staunton, Raleigh G. Koiner; Stephens City, J. M. Snapp; Waynesboro, E. E. Reuter; Winchester, T. J. Cooper; Woodstock, J. L. Wisman; Zion-St. James, J. J. Harner.

The President, Rev. George S. Bowers, D. D., read his report which was received for future action.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—By the grace of God we are permitted to assemble in the eightieth convention of our Synod. Devout thanksgivings are due "Him in whom we live and move and have our being" for the favors of the past year. As we wrought in his kingdom and for his glory, we were constantly dependent upon his grace and spirit. Had it not been true that he giveth the increase, both our planting and watering would have been only vain endeavor. Therefore let praises well up from our hearts and find expression in word and act as we wait together in the house of the Lord in this convention of Synod.

But we should praise our heavenly Father not alone for the blessing of his spirit upon our labors in the gospel, but, also, for his preservation of us in health and strength of body and mind to such a degree that we were enabled to meet uninterruptedly the obligations of our sacred offices. Not one of our number has been removed from our fellowship by death. Few have been the changes of any kind among us. Steadfastly and with apparent contentment all have filled their places. This has inured to the edification and prosperity of our churches. It is with the greatest pleasure that I make the statement that not only were there comparatively few changes among our pastors during the year, but that pastorates vacant at our last convention have since then been occupied, so that there are among us at this time really only two vacancies.

In conformity to the requirement of our constitution, I now proceed to lay before you a statement of my official acts for the synodical year, together with such recommendations and other matters as may be deemed pertinent.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Acting under the instruction given by Synod at its last convention, I appointed three ladies as delegates from the Virginia Synod to the Woman's Conference, held in Savannah, Georgia, October 6-8, 1908, as follows: September 21, 1908, Mrs. Frank H. Chandler of St. Paul's church, Strasburg; Mrs. Rev. A. D. R. Hancher of Christ church, Staunton; and Mrs. Rev. E. L. Folk of Holy Trinity church, Middlebrook, and I am happy to report that the first two accepted the appointment and attended the Conference.

On September 11, 1908, I received an application from Mr. Obed Gochenour, a student at Roanoke College, for continued beneficiary aid. The same, as required by the constitution, was referred to the Executive Committee for action which resulted in a grant of the desired aid.

On January 8, 1909, a communication was received from Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., of Richmond, setting before me the pastorless condition of a

colony of Norwegian Lutherans at Norge, Va., and expressing the fear that under existing conditions, if protracted, they might be lost to our Lutheran household, and asking what could be done in the situation. I replied suggesting that he and Rev. W. H. Riser, of Norfolk, who had visited them at times might request them to come into our Synod and thus place themselves where we could counsel and help them. I also sent them greeting as President of the Virginia Synod and urged them by the inestimable treasures of the gospel of our Lord as contained in our system of faith to abide steadfastly in the Church of their fathers. Since then I believe they have secured the service of a pastor or pastors.

A letter, bearing date of January 22, 1909, from Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., president of our Foreign Mission Board, called my attention to the fact that the United Synod at its recent meeting had appropriated the sum of $15,000 per annum to Foreign Missions, the same to be apportioned among the district synods according to their respective membership, and that the amount thus falling to the Virginia Synod would be $2,025. As our work in Japan grows, the needs increase to meet which an augmented apportionment becomes necessary. I therefore recommend our acceptance of the amount falling proportionately to our Synod, and that our Apportionment Committee be instructed to lay the same equitably upon all of our pastorates, in the ardent hope that the ensuing year may prove to be the banner year in our support of this God-given and growing cause.

THE CASE OF MR. HARRY F. COFFELT.

Mr. Harry F. Coffelt, a candidate for ordination at the last meeting of this Synod, wrote me under date of October 8, 1908, from Quincy, Pa., that his name would come before the church there on the following Sunday a week; and asked if, in case he received the expected call, I would ordain him in Grace Lutheran church, Winchester, on Sunday, October 25, or, if not, then on some other date either at a Sunday or a mid-week service as might be suitable.

I replied that I could not possibly comply with his request because of the action of the Synod, which I proceeded to quote for his information. In response to this he wrote October 26, 1908, requesting a letter of recommendation in harmony with the action of Synod to the president of the Maryland Synod, which letter I promptly sent him. On November 4, 1908, in a third letter, he notified me of the fact that he had been licensed to preach and perform all ministerial acts for the period of one year by the Maryland Synod. Since then I have had no further correspondence with him touching his ordination. I understand, however, he accepted the call to the Quincy pastorate and is occupying himself in the work.

DISMISSALS.

On September 12, 1908, I gave Rev. P. J. Wade a letter of dismissal to the Maryland Synod.

In compliance with a resolution of Synod, I dismissed on October 23, 1908, the Mason pastorate to the Pittsburg Synod of the General Council.

On March 23, 1909, I gave Rev. P. H. E. Derrick a letter of dismissal to the South Carolina Synod.

July 15, 1909, I dismissed Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D., to the Southwestern Virginia Synod.

RESIGNATIONS.

Rev. Peter Miller informed me on October 1, 1908, that he had resigned the North River pastorate, the same to take effect December 31, 1908. Since tendering his resignation brother Miller has continued to serve the pastorate to the joy of the people and the gratification of the Synod.

On March 18, 1909, Rev. P. H. E. Derrick notified me that he had resigned the Bethlehem pastorate, but did not specify when nor upon what date his resignation had gone into effect.

On July 21, 1909, Rev. S. L. Keller informed me that he had resigned on July 1, 1909, the Zion-St. James pastorate to take effect October 1, 1909.

On August 12, 1909, I received a letter from Rev. A. M. Smith, stating he had resigned the Capon pastorate to take effect on the fourth Sunday of October, 1909.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

Rev. A. M. Smith, under date of November 25, 1908, notified me that he had accepted a call to the Capon pastorate and had entered upon his duties November 1, 1908.

The following was taken from the *Lutheran Church Visitor* of January 7, 1909: Rev. M. C. Horine, D. D., formerly president of the Pennsylvania Ministerium, has accepted the charge of Trinity Lutheran church, Newport News, Va., for the ensuing six months.

In a letter bearing date of March 10, 1909, Rev. J. F. Bruch informed me that he had received a unanimous call from the Mt. Tabor pastorate and had accepted the same. He has been in the field, I believe, since May 1, 1909.

On March 30, 1909, Mr. August C. Karkau, a student in Mt. Airy Seminary, informed me he had accepted a call to Trinity church, Newport News. I understand he is diligently prosecuting his work, having entered upon the same June 13th.

INSTALLATION.

On Sunday, October 25, 1908, Rev. J. Ira Coiner was installed as pastor of the Bethany pastorate, Rev. J. M. Shreckhise delivering the charge to the pastor and Rev. George S. Bowers that to the congregation. Brother Coiner began and continues his work under very favorable auspices.

REDEDICATION.

Bethel church of the Mt. Jackson pastorate, after a renovation, extending through a period of nine months, was rededicated on Sunday morning, March 28, 1909. The sermon was preached by the president of Synod. Rev. E. L. Folk, a former pastor and vice-president of the Synod, was present and assisted the pastor Rev. M. L. Canup in the dedicatory services. There were two services held in the church prior to the day of dedication, one on Friday evening when Rev. E. A. Repass, of New Market, preached the sermon, and another on Saturday afternoon when Rev. E. L. Folk preached the sermon. The following paragraph taken from the *Lutheran Church Visitor* of April 8, 1909, will give some idea of the thoroughness of the change made in this edifice: "The house, as it stands today, is perhaps the finest and most complete country church in the Valley of Virginia. Its arrangement inside is churchly and Lutheran. The style of architecture has been changed to Gothic, the windows made of leaded art glass, a tower built, in which hangs a one thousand-pound bell, and a slate roof put on. The grounds have also been improved and a substantial iron fence incloses the building. The large figured window above the altar represents Christ as the Good Shepherd. The windows were furnished by a large Chicago firm and are considered beautiful. A good set of circular oak pews has been put in, and the Ladies' Aid Society put in a carpet. Most of the furniture was given as memorial. The pulpit is on the right, the lectern on the left, and the altar is in the center. The pews, furniture, organ and carpet cost more than $1,000, and the entire improvements cost over $4,000."

MATTERS WORTH BEING REPORTED.

There are occurrences in our pastorates from time to time, as improvements to church property of such a decided nature as to materially change the appearance and appointments of the same, or the observance of extraordinary anniversary occasions. These occurrences might be of interest to the Synod and worthy of record in the Minutes, and the brethren might like to have them noted in the President's report, but how can it be done if the brethren are not thoughtful enough to notify him of the same? The brethren are often with the President of Synod like some people are with their pastors, they regard them as being possessed of miraculous optical and auric-

ular powers. We would kindly suggest that our pastors report those matters worthy of preservation in our records to the President that he may embrace them in his annual report for the information and encouragement of all.

CERTIFICATES OF DISMISSAL.

On August 2, 1909, Rev. J. F. Bruch sent me his letter of dismissal from the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States to this Synod.

Rev. August C. Karkau sent me on August 6, 1909, his certificate of dismissal from the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States to this Synod.

On August 18, 1909, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., handed me his letter of dismissal from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Southwestern Virginia to this Synod.

SUPPLIES FOR VACANT PASTORATES.

Early in the year, 1909, I had a letter from Mr. B. A. Copenhaver, a student at Mt. Airy Seminary, requesting supply work in our Synod during the summer. I sent his letter to Rev. Hancher, suggesting he endeavor to secure him work either in the Mt. Tabor or Spring Valley pastorate. He replied, stating that Mt. Tabor had called a pastor, and as Rev. Keller was president of the Southern Conference, he had referred the request to him, who in writing me later said he was doing what he could to effect an arrangement for the summer between the Spring Valley pastorate and Mr. Copenhaver. I have not learned definitely if such effort were fruitful.

During the year I exchanged several letters with Mr. John W. Link and Mr. Arthur B. Obenschain, both students of Mt. Airy Seminary and both from pastorates in our Synod, with respect to their engaging in work in some of our vacant pastorates for the summer. I diligently sought to have one of them locate at Harrisonburg, but all my efforts were obstructed by conditions in the congregation that were beyond my power to remedy. My abiding impression is that it would be a species of wise and righteous paternalism, to say nothing of good policy, for us to instruct our Executive Committee to keep in touch with the young men from our Synod in Northern seminaries with a view to their preferable selection for service among us.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

I respectfully recommend that a committee of three, consisting of the Secretary of Synod as chairman and two others, conveniently located to him, be appointed to gather together in one body and under

their proper headings all of the standing resolutions of Synod and report the same at our next convention for such changes as may be necessary. Further, I would suggest as a matter of ready reference that, beginning with this year and each year thereafter, all standing resolutions passed at that meeting of Synod be printed under their proper headings on a separate page or pages of the Minutes of that meeting.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE.

I find the following in Chapter 10, Section 2, of our Constitution: "Other sessions shall be opened and closed with devotional service, conducted by the President, or such person as he may appoint for the purpose." In conformity to this, I suggest that, hereafter, the Synod spend at least a half hour each morning just prior to the opening hour of Synod in devotional services.

Together with this report, I submit to you all letters received by me bearing upon my official acts.

I now return to you the office with which you so kindly invested me a year ago. I have striven to occupy it to the best of my ability. At all times I have been profoundly conscious and appreciative of your forbearance with me in my mistakes and support of me in my duties.

Thanking you for the honor conferred upon me, I close with the supplication of the Psalmist, "And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

GEORGE S. BOWERS.

The Secretary read his report which was received for future action.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

1. The Minutes of Synod were printed and distributed by Henkel & Company, New Market, Va. The cost, including postage and expressage, was $116.88.

2. Four hundred additional Bittle Memorial certificates, in two colors, were printed for the use of the Bittle Memorial Fund Committee at a cost of $4.85.

3. The bill for postage, &c., in the discharge of the routine duties of the office of Secretary, is $4.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. R. HANCHER, SECRETARY.

The Treasurer read his report which was received for future action.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL APPORTIONMENTS AND RECEIPTS FROM SUNDAY-SCHOOLS OF VIRGINIA SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 17, 1909.

Sunday-School—Pastorate.	Apportioned.	Paid.
Bethany—Bethany	$ 8 00	$ 8 00
Bethlehem—Bethlehem	6 00	. . .
Grace—Waynesboro	6 00	6 00
Trinity—Buena Vista	2 00	1 00
Hebron—Capon	5 00	. . .
St. Peter's—Capon	5 00	5 00
Mt. Moriah—North River	2 00	2 00
Ebenezer—North River	4 00	4 00
St. Peter's—Churchville	2 00	2 00
Pleasant View—Churchville	4 00	. . .
Bethel—Gravel Springs	8 00	8 00
Fremont—Gravel Springs	1 00	1 00
Gravel Springs—Gravel Springs	5 00	5 00
St. John—Gravel Springs	8 00	8 00
St. James—Gravel Springs	5 00	5 00
Muhlenberg—Harrisonburg	10 00	7 25
Lebanon—Shenandoah	5 00	5 00
Mt. Zion—Shenandoah	1 50	1 50
St. Luke—Shenandoah	1 50	1 50
St. Paul—Stephen's City	5 00	5 00
Trinity—Stephen's City	5 00	5 00
Hebron—Madison	15 00	15 00
Mt. Pisgah—Madison	1 00	1 00
Mt. Calvary—Mt. Jackson	6 00	6 00
Bethel—Mt. Jackson	2 50	2 50
St. James—Mt. Jackson	2 50	2 50
Holy Trinity—Middlebrook	5 00	5 30
Mt. Hermon—Middlebrook	1 50	1 50
St. Mark's—Middlebrook	3 50	3 50
Mt. Tabor—Mt. Tabor	10 00	10 00
St. Matthew—New Market	4 00	4 00
St. Mark—New Market	2 00	2 00
St. Martin—New Market	2 00	2 00
First Church—Norfolk	10 00	10 00
Newport News—Newport News	5 00	10 00
Bethlehem—Luray	1 00	. . .
St. Mark's—Luray	8 00	2 50
Ebenezer—Luray	5 00	. . .
First English Church—Richmond	15 00	30 00
Frieden's—Rockingham	3 00	3 00
St. John—Rockingham	3 00	3 00
St. Peter—Shepherdstown	20 00	20 00
St. James—Shepherdstown	10 00	10 00
Christ Church—Staunton	20 00	20 00
St. Paul—Strasburg	15 00	15 00
St. Peter—Strasburg	10 00	10 00
Salem—Salem	12 00	12 00
Melanchthon Chapel—Salem	5 00	5 00
St. James—Salem	5 00	5 00
Zion—Zion-St. James	8 00	6 20
St. James—Zion-St. James	8 00	6 20
Grace Church—Winchester	100 00	100 00
Emanuel—Woodstock	25 00	25 00
Spring Valley—Spring Valley	1 00	. . .
New Mt. Olive—Spring Valley	2 00	. . .
Portsmouth—Portsmouth	5 00	5 00
	$450 00	$433 45

Apportionments and Receipts of Pastorates of the Virginia Synod

Index Number.	PASTORATE.	THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.		BENEFICIARY EDUCATION		SPECIAL SYNODICAL HOME MISSION FUND.		SYNODICAL FUND.	
		Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.
1	Bethany	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 28 00	$ 28 00	$ 8 00	$ 8 00
2	Bethlehem	5 00	. . .	4 00	. . .	32 00	. . . .	5 00	. . .
3	Capon	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	20 00	20 00	3 00	3 00
4	Churchville { St. Peter	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	16 00	. . . .	2 50	2 50
	Churchville { Pleasant View.	2 00	. . .	3 00	. . .	16 00	. . . .	5 00	. . .
5	Gravel Springs	7 00	. . .	9 00	9 00	40 00	40 00	15 00	15 00
6	Harrisonburg	3 00	. . .	5 00	. . .	20 00	. . . .	4 00	. .
7	Luray { Ebenezer	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	6 00	3 50	2 00	1 50
	Luray { St. Mark	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	12 00	12 00	4 50	4 50
	Luray { Bethlehem	1 00	50	1 00	50	4 00	1 00	2 75	50
8	Madison { Pisgah	1 00	25	5 00	1 00	8 00	2 00	2 75	70
	Madison { Hebron	12 00	. .	12 00	. . .	80 00	97 25	25 00	. . .
9	Mt. Jackson	4 00	2 00	10 00	10 00	68 00	68 00	20 00	20 00
10	Middlebrook { Holy Trinity	2 00	2 00	6 00	6 00	20 00	20 00	5 00	5 00
	Middlebrook { St. Mark	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	10 00	10 00	2 00	2 00
	Middlebrook { Mt. Hermon	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	4 00	1 50	1 50
11	Mt. Tabor	8 00	3 10	10 00	10 00	56 00	39 00	15 00	30 00
12	New Market { St. Matthew	5 00	. . .	5 00	. . .	56 00	31 34	9 00	9 00
	New Market { St. Mark	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	28 00	18 00	3 00	3 00
	New Market { St. Martin	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	28 00	19 00	3 00	3 00
13	*Newport News	2 00	2 00	5 00	. . .	28 00	1 00	5 00	5 00
14	Norfolk	2 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	28 00	28 00	7 00	8 00
15	North River	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	8 00	8 00	5 00	5 00
16	Portsmouth	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 50	7 00	17 50	1 00	3 50
17	Richmond	4 00	4 00	6 00	6 00	32 00	32 00	8 00	8 00
18	Rockingham	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	20 00	20 00	7 00	7 00
19	Shenandoah { Mt. Zion	2 00	1 00	4 50	4 50	16 00	4 00	3 00	4 00
	Shenandoah { St. Luke	1 00	. . .	2 50	1 00	12 00	1 00	2 00	1 00
	Shenandoah { Lebanon	2 00	. . .	5 00	. . .	16 00	11 00	5 00	4 05
20	Shepherdstown { St. Peter	8 00	8 00	10 00	10 00	80 00	80 00	25 00	25 00
	Shepherdstown { St. James	4 00	2 00	7 00	2 00	48 00	6 25	12 00	8 75
21	Spring Val. { Buena Vista	3 00	. . .	3 00	. . .	16 00	. . . .	4 00	5 30
	Spring Val. { New Mt. Olive	1 00	. . .	3 00	. . .	14 00	. . . .	1 50	. . .
	Spring Val. { Spring Valley.	1 00	. . .	3 00	. . .	14 00	. . . .	1 50	. . .
22	Salem	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	40 00	40 00	17 00	17 00
23	Staunton	7 00	7 00	12 00	12 00	80 00	80 00	20 00	20 00
24	Strasburg { St. Paul	1 50	1 50	8 00	8 00	56 00	32 00	12 00	12 00
	Strasburg { St. Peter	1 50	1 50	8 00	8 00	56 00	56 00	10 00	10 00
25	Stephen's City { St. Paul	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	16 00	16 00	5 00	5 00
	Stephen's City { Trinity	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	14 00	14 00	7 00	7 00
26	Waynesboro	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	28 00	28 00	5 00	5 00
27	Winchester	15 00	15 00	20 00	20 00	200 00	200 00	75 00	75 00
28	Woodstock	9 00	9 00	10 00	10 00	80 00	80 00	20 00	20 00
29	Zion-St. James	7 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	56 00	37 67	15 00	10 00
30	Amount on hand last year	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	128 34	. . .	20 11
	Totals	$160 00	$104 85	$237 00	$175 50	$1517 00	$1333 85	$411 00	$394 91

*The Treasurer received August 10th, 1909, from Trinity church, Newport News, too late for this report, and has been entered on the books for next year's account, the sum of $58.00 in full of all apportionments.

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, for year ending August 17, 1909.

Index Number.	HOME MISSIONS.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.		ORPHAN HOME.		ROANOKE COLLEGE.	VA. BIBLE SOCIETY.	TOTAL.			
	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Received.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Overpaid.	Deficit
1	$ 28 00	$ 28 00	$ 18 00	$ 55 71	$ 7 00	$ 10 15	. . . .	. . . .	$ 97 00	$ 137 86	$ 40 86	. . . .
2	14 00	. . .	7 00	. . . .	3 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	70 00	. . . .	. . . .	$ 70 00
3	16 00	16 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	. . . .	. . . .	59 00	59 00	. . . .	. . . .
4	6 00	. . .	6 00	6 00	2 00	6 54	. . . .	. . . .	37 50	20 04	. . . .	17 46
	8 00	. . .	5 00	. . . .	3 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	42 00	. . . .	. . . .	42 00
5	65 00	29 20	50 00	64 76	25 00	42 72	. . . .	. . . .	211 00	200 68	. . . .	10 32
6	18 00	. . .	10 00	. . . .	5 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	65 00	. . . .	. . . .	65 00
7	7 50	4 50	5 00	5 00	2 50	2 50	$ 1 50	. . . .	25 00	20 50	. . . .	4 50
	9 00	9 00	6 00	6 50	4 00	19 00	3 00	. . . .	40 50	59 00	18 50	. . . .
	6 00	50	4 00	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 00	. . . .	20 75	8 50	. . . .	12 25
8	2 00	50	1 00	. . . .	1 00	10	25	. . . .	20 75	4 80	. . . .	15 95
	90 00	1 00	50 00	63 34	25 00	20 94	6 50	$ 5 89	294 00	194 92	. . . .	99 08
9	87 00	62 26	45 00	45 00	17 50	17 50	. . . .	. . . .	251 50	224 76	. . . .	26 74
10	20 00	22 40	10 00	13 26	5 00	5 00	. . . .	. . . .	68 00	73 66	5 66	. . . .
	9 00	9 00	7 00	. . . .	1 50	1 50	. . . .	. . . .	32 50	25 50	. . . .	7 00
	6 00	6 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	. . . .	. . . .	18 50	18 50	. . . .	. . . .
11	65 00	27 20	40 00	10 00	15 00	14 95	. . . .	. . . .	209 00	134 25	. . . .	74 75
12	45 00	19 58	20 00	67 40	5 00	32 97	. . . .	. . . .	145 00	160 29	15 29	. . . .
	14 00	14 00	10 00	10 00	4 00	11 78	. . . .	. . . .	66 00	63 78	. . . .	2 22
	14 00	14 00	10 00	10 00	4 00	15 90	. . . .	. . . .	66 00	68 90	2 90	. . . .
13	8 00	2 00	7 00	11 30	3 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	58 00	21 30	. . . .	36 70
14	20 00	34 60	15 00	16 00	7 00	43 00	. . . .	. . . .	84 00	136 60	52 60	. . . .
15	19 00	18 99	10 00	10 00	5 00	7 00	. . . .	6 76	54 00	62 75	8 75	. . . .
16	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	12 00	. . . .	. . . .	18 00	41 50	23 50	. . . .
17	22 50	22 57	7 00	21 41	7 00	61 43	15 45	. . . .	86 50	170 86	84 36	. . . .
18	24 00	24 00	15 00	15 00	7 50	7 50	. . . .	. . . .	79 50	79 50	. . . .	. . . .
19	15 00	7 37	18 00	7 00	2 50	2 50	. . . .	. . . .	61 00	30 37	. . . .	30 63
	10 00	. . .	7 00	1 63	2 50	1 40	. . . .	. . . .	37 00	6 03	. . . .	30 97
	22 00	11 00	10 00	8 00	3 00	3 00	. . . .	. . . .	63 00	37 05	. . . .	25 95
20	66 00	66 00	40 00	40 00	20 00	20 00	. . . .	. . . .	249 00	249 00	. . . .	. . . .
	34 00	17 27	20 00	18 96	10 00	5 00	. . . .	. . . .	135 00	60 23	. . . .	74 77
21	10 00	. . .	8 00	. . . .	3 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	47 00	5 30	. . . .	41 70
	3 50	. . .	3 50	. . . .	1 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	27 50	. . . .	. . . .	27 50
	3 50	. . .	3 50	. . . .	1 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	27 50	. . . .	. . . .	27 50
22	42 00	47 00	30 00	46 01	7 50	7 50	. . . .	. . . .	146 50	167 51	21 01	. . . .
23	70 00	70 00	40 00	71 45	20 00	20 00	. . . .	. . . .	249 00	280 45	31 45	. . . .
24	30 00	30 00	18 00	. . . .	7 50	150 00	. . . .	. . . .	133 00	233 50	100 50	. . . .
	25 00	25 00	15 00	15 00	7 50	40 81	. . . .	. . . .	123 00	156 31	33 31	. . . .
25	22 00	22 00	10 00	16 53	2 50	6 00	3 00	. . . .	60 50	73 53	13 03	. . . .
	20 00	20 00	12 00	27 58	5 00	8 21	. . . .	2 20	62 00	82 99	20 99	. . . .
26	5 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	. . . .	. . . .	50 00	50 00	. . . .	. . . .
27	225 00	225 00	750 00	800 00	55 00	132 22	. . . .	. . . .	1340 00	1467 22	127 22	. . . .
28	35 00	35 00	25 00	25 00	9 00	59 80	. . . .	. . . .	188 00	238 80	50 80	. . . .
29	70 00	40 00	40 00	55 50	13 00	15 50	. . . .	. . . .	211 00	168 67	. . . .	42 33
20	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	148 45	. . . .	. . . .
	$1333 00	$987 94	$1427 00	$1585 34	$344 00	$814 92	$ 30 70	$ 14 85	$5429 00	$5442 86	$ 650 73	$ 785 32

Balance from Beneficiary Education Fund	$ 249 53
Balance from Theological Seminary Fund	61 61
Amount from Sunday-schools	433 45
Amount from Rev. C. A. Marks, special	175 00
Amount from J. E. Cooper, special	50 00
Total	$6412 45

EXPENDITURES MADE BY M. COFFMAN, TREASURER, FROM THE DIFFERENT FUNDS DURING THE SYNODICAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 17, 1909.

FROM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND.

1909.		DR.	
Aug.	9.	To amt. paid C. M. Efird, Treasurer	$ 100 00
		CR.	
Aug.	17.	By balance in Treasurer's hands	$ 4 85

FROM BENEFICIARY EDUCATION FUND.

1908.		DR.	
Sept.	19.	To amt. paid C. W. Hepner and two other dates .	$ 100 00
Oct.	5.	To amt. paid A. W. Craun and two other dates .	100 00
Oct.	6.	To amt. paid O. L. Gochenour and two other dates,	100 00
			$ 300 00
1909.		CR.	
Aug.	17.	By balance in Treasurer's hands	$ 50 50

FROM SPECIAL SYNODICAL HOME MISSION FUND AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS FOR SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

1908.		DR.	
Aug.	15.	To amt. due Treas. from Portsmouth Fund, '07-08,	$ 8 39
Sept.	12.	To amt paid Rev. J. W. Shuey and 11 other dates,	900 00
Nov.	4.	To amt. paid Rev. G. E. Shuey and 3 other dates,	100 00
Nov.	20.	To amt. paid Rev. J. G. Graichen and 3 other dates for Buena Vista	50 00
Nov.	20.	To amt. paid D. B. Engleman and 3 other dates for Waynesboro	125 00
Nov.	20.	To amt. paid Rev. W. W. J. Ritchie and 3 other dates	125 00
1909.			
Jan.	25.	To amt. paid Rev. A. M Smith and 2 other dates	112 50
Feb.	23.	To amt. paid Rev. J. C. Peery for Lynchburg . .	100 00
			$1520 89
Aug.	17.	Balance in Treasurer's hands	174 10
			$1694 99
1908.		CR.	
Aug.	15.	By balance from last year	$ 128 34
Aug.	15.	By amt. balance from Theological Seminary Fund	61 61
Aug.	15.	By amt. balance from Beneficiary Education Fund	249 53
Sept.	26.	By amt. from J. E. Cooper, Lynchburg Mission .	50 00
Aug.	17.	By amt. general receipts	1205 51
			$1694 99

SUMMARY.

1909.			
Aug. 17.	By balance in Treasurer's hands as above	$ 174	10
Aug. 17.	By amt. from Sunday-school receipts	433	45
		$ 607	55

FROM SYNODICAL FUND.

1908.			
Sept. 26.	To amt. paid Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, expenses comm. meeting, Salem, Va	$ 5	15
Sept. 30.	To amt. paid Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, expenses comm. meeting Christiansburg and Winchester	10	45
Oct. 16.	To amt. paid Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, expenses to United Synod	19	50
Nov. 2.	To amt. paid Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Secy. salary and expenses	17	50
Sept. 30.	To amt. paid L. L. Smith, D. D., President, expen.	2	50
Oct. 15.	To amt. paid sexton 1st Evang. Lutheran church, Richmond, Va	5	00
Oct. 24.	To amt. paid C. W. Heater, Treasurer, interest on Seminary bond	16	66
Oct. 24.	To amt. paid Rev. W. H. Riser, expen. to U. Synod	20	00
Oct. 24.	To amt paid Geo. J. Eichhorn, expenses to United Synod	20	00
Oct. 27.	To amt. paid Rev. J. A. Morehead, expenses to United Synod	17	86
Oct. 27.	To amt. paid Rev. E. L. Folk, expen. to U. Synod	21	50
Oct. 28.	To amt. paid J. E. Cale, expen. to United Synod	21	50
Oct. 29.	To amt. paid Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D., expen. to United Synod	15	00
Nov. 2.	To amt. paid Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., expenses to United Synod	24	75
Nov. 7.	To amt. paid Jacob Umlauf, expen. to United Synod	25	50
Dec. 4.	To amt. paid Rev. W. P. Huddle, expen. to United Synod	26	80
1909.			
Jan. 4.	To amt. paid J. W. Stover, expen. to United Synod	25	00
April 12.	To amt. paid Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., bill printing, Executive Committee	2	50
June 10.	To amt. paid S. T. Shank, expen. to United Synod	25	00
July 20.	To amt. paid Rev. George S. Bowers, D. D., President's expenses	2	50
July 21.	To amt. paid Henkel & Co., printing Minutes and 400 Bittle Memorial Certificates	121	73

Jnly	26.	To amt. paid Henkel & Co., bill Treasurer's blanks	$ 3 75
Aug.	9.	To amt. paid C. H. Duls, Treasurer United Synod	31 20
Aug.	9.	To amt. paid Treasurer's salary and postage . . .	55 00
			$ 536 35

1909. Cr.

Aug. 17. To amt. overpaid and due Treasurer . . . . . $ 141 44

FROM HOME MISSION FUND FOR UNITED SYNOD.

1909. Dr.

Mar. 30. To amt. paid Jno. A. Kline, Treas., and 2 other dates $ 987 94

FROM FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1909. Dr.

Jan.	13.	To amt. paid Miss Gertrude Simpson for Japan Kindergarten, from W. H. & F. M. S., St. Mark's New Market	$ 17 30
Mar.	13.	To amt. paid Miss Gertrude Simpson for Japan Kindergarten from W. H. and F. M. S., St. Matthew's, New Market	11 00
Mar.	30.	To amt. paid Jno. A. Cline, Treasurer, and 2 other dates	1557 04
			$1585 34

ORPHAN HOME FUND—CURRENT EXPENSES.

1908.			
Sept.	3.	To amt. paid Paul S. Davis, Treasurer, and 4 other dates	$ 645 24
1909.			
Jan.	15.	To amt. paid Paul S. Davis, Treasurer, from St. Paul's congregation, Strasburg	100 00
Jan.	15.	To amt. paid Paul S. Davis, Treasurer, Strasburg	50 00
Jan.	13.	To amt. paid Paul S. Davis, Treasurer, for heating plant, St. Martin Sunday-school, New Market	5 76
Jan.	31.	To amt paid Paul S. Davis, Treas., for heating plant, St. Mark's congregation, New Market	7 78
July	27.	To amt. paid Paul S. Davis, Treasurer, for heating plant, St. Martin's congregation, New Market	6 14
			$ 814 92

FROM ROANOKE COLLEGE FUND.

1909. Dr.

Aug. 9. To amt. paid W. H. Ruthrauff, Treasurer . . . . $ 30 70

FROM VIRGINIA BIBLE SOCIETY FUND.

1909. Dr.

Aug. 9. To amt. paid Virginia Bible Society Agency . . . $ 14 85

RECEIPTS FOR 1908-1909, INCLUDING BALANCES ON HAND.

Theological Seminary	$ 104 85
Beneficiary Education	175 50
Special Synodical Home Mission	1333 85
Special Synodical Sunday-school Home Mission Fund	433 45
Synodical Fund	394 91
Home Mission for United Synod	987 94
Foreign Missions	1585 34
Orphan Home—current expenses	795 24
Orphan Home—heating plant	19 68
Roanoke College	30 70
Virginia Bible Society	14 85
Bal. from Theological Seminary Fund, last year	61 61
Bal. from Beneficiary Education Fund, last year	249 53
By amt. J. E. Cooper, for Lynchburg Mission	50 00
By amt. Rev. C. A. Marks on Beneficiary Bonds	175 00
	$6412 45

EXPENDITURES FOR 1908-1909.

Theological Seminary	$ 100 00
Beneficiary Education	300 00
Special Synodical Home Missions and Sunday-schools	1520 89
Synodical Fund	536 35
Home Mission Fund, United Synod	987 94
Foreign Missions	1585 34
Orphan Home—current expenses	795 24
Orphan Home—heating plant	19 68
Roanoke College	30 70
Virginia Bible Society	14 85
Balance in Treasurer's hands	521 46
	$6412 45

BALANCES IN TREASURER'S HANDS.

Theological Seminary Fund	4 85
Beneficiary Education Fund	50 50
Special Synodical and Sunday-school Home Mission Fund	607 55
	$ 662 90
Less amt. due Treasurer from Synodical Fund	141 44
	$ 521 46

FUNDED ASSETS IN TREASURER'S HANDS.

$20,000 Mission Fund, in 5 per cent. certificate Valley Building and Loan Association	$ 651 75
Interest on same in Treasurer's hands	20 30

Respectfully submitted,

M. COFFMAN, TREASURER.

Bethany Church, Lexington, Va.,
August 17, 1909.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows :

President—Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D.
Vice-President—Rev. E. L. Folk.
Secretary—Rev. A. D. R. Hancher.
Treasurer—M. Coffman, Esq.

On motion, the business hours were made as follows :—9.30 to 11 a. m. ; 2 to 4 p. m.

On motion, the first four pews were made the bar of Synod.

On motion, the Revs. L. G. M. Miller, D. D. ; J. J. Scherer, D. D. ; J. P. Obenschain, of the Southwestern Virginia Synod ; and John C. Bowers, of the Maryland Synod, were received as advisory members.

On motion, Mr. B. C. Monroe, representative of the *Lutheran Church Visitor ;* and Messrs. B. A. Copenhaver and A. B. Obenschain, students of theology, were invited to seats in the Synod.

On motion, the Synod adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

BETHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1909, 2 P. M.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. M. L. Canup. The roll was called. The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, the afternoon session was extended from 4 to 4.30 p. m.

On motion, the Revs. R. E. Steele, of the Presbyterian church, and L. T. Pressley, J. A. Thomson of the A. R. P. church, were recognized and invited to seats in the Synod.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following Standing Committees :

1. *President's Report.*—Revs. C. W. Cassell, J. A. Morehead, D. D., W. H. Riser, and Messrs. E. A. Lutz and R. A. Graves.

2. *Secretary's Report.*—Revs. J. G. Graichen, G. E. Shuey, and Mr. J. W. Engleman.

3. *Treasurer's Report.*—Messrs. Mayberry McKee and Jacob Umlauf.

4. *State of the Church.*—Revs. J. J. Scherer, Jr., J. A. Huffard, J. M. Tise, and Jas. L. Shuey.

5. *Literary Institutions.*—Revs. W. P. Huddle, J. M. Shreckhise, Messrs. J. L. Wisman and George W. Rinker.

6. *Minutes of Synod.*—Revs. D. W. Files, Peter Miller, Messrs. E. M. Armentrout and Luther A. Zirkle.

7. *Conferences.*—Revs. J. W. Shuey, H. C. Haithcox, D. D., Messrs. W. H. Riffey and J. M. Snapp.

8. *Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., M. L. Canup, Peter Miller and Mr. S. T. Shank.

9. *Vacancies.*—Revs. E. A. Repass, Ph. D., J. A. Huffard, G. E. Shuey.

10. *Appropriations and Apportionments.* — Revs. W. J. Smith, W. H. Riser, C. W. Cassell, Messrs. T. J. Cooper and J. M. Snapp.

The Secretary read the Report of the Executive Committee, in the absence of the chairman ; and, on motion, the report was received for future action.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of Synod, according to resolution of Synod, page 39 of last Minutes, met in Strasburg, August 9, 1909, after giving due notice in the *Lutheran Church Visitor*, and beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend:

1. That Synod appropriate to A. W. Craun $100 to continue his studies as a student at Roanoke College.

2. That Synod appropriate $150 to C. W. Hepner to pursue his studies in the Theological Seminary at Charleston, S. C.

3. That Synod appropriate $500 to Harrisonburg this year to aid in pastor's support.

4. That Synod appropriate for pastor's salary $150 to Capon pastorate.

5. That Synod appropriate for pastor's salary $100 to Waynesboro.

6. That Synod appropriate for pastor's salary $100 to Churchville.

7. That Synod appropriate for pastor's salary $75 to Rockingham.

8. That Synod appropriate for pastor's salary $50 to Buena Vista.

9. That Synod appropriate for pastor's salary $900 to Portsmouth.

The committee fully considered the petition of the Norfolk brethren, and view it most favorably, and in its judgment the said petition should be responded to with an earnest, determined action, and such ways and means adopted as shall speedily bring about the establishment of a second church in Norfolk. We recommend that these papers be laid before this body for consideration and action.

No less of great importance is the helping to a church home our faithful people in Portsmouth, and the committee trust that when Synod meets a wise and feasible plan may be presented and adopted for the permanent establishment of this mission

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH,
W. J. D. SCHERER,
W. J. SMITH,
M. COFFMAN,
J. E. COOPER.

ARCHIVIST.

The President appointed Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Archivist.

REPORT OF PASTORS' FUND SOCIETY.

The Secretary read the report of the Pastor's Fund Society and also the Treasurer's report of the same.

REPORT OF PASTORS' FUND SOCIETY.

The Pastors' Fund Society met in annual session at Strasburg, Virginia, August 9, 1909, and was opened with prayer by Rev. E. L. Folk.

All the directors were present.

The minutes were read and approved.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D.; Vice-President, Mr. J. E. Cooper; Secretary, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher; Treasurer, Mr. C. W. Heater.

Revs. W. J. Smith and E. L. Folk were elected directors for three years ending 1912, subject to the ratification of Synod.

The Treasurer read his report which was referred to an auditing committee, composed of Mr. J. E. Cooper and Rev. E. L. Folk, and reported correct.

On motion, an appropriation of $150, for one year, was made in favor of Mrs. J. H. Wyse, beginning October 1, 1909.

On motion, an appropriation of $150 was made in favor of Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D.

On motion, the Finance Committee was reelected and is constituted as follows: Revs. L. L. Smith, D. D., W. J. Smith, and Messrs. J. E. Cooper and C. W. Heater.

On motion, the books of the Treasurer will be closed ten (10) days before the meeting of Synod.

On motion, the assessments for the coming year were made the same as last year, viz.: For pastors, ¾ of one per cent. on salaries of $600 and over, and ½ of one per cent. on salaries of less than $600; for congregations five (5) cents per member.

On motion, the society adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH,
E. L. FOLK,
W. J. SMITH,
A. D. R. HANCHER,
J. E. COOPER,
C. W. HEATER.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF PASTORS' FUND SOCIETY.

1908.			
Aug.	13.	By cash in bank	$ 628 88
Aug.	18.	From Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D.	5 00
Aug.	18.	From Rev. M. L. Canup	5 00
Aug.	31.	From Rev. George E. Shuey	2 98
Aug.	31.	From Harrisonburg	1 78
Sept.	9.	From Rev. W. W. J. Ritchie	2 12

Sept.	9.	From St. Peter's, Churchville pastorate	$ 2 65
Sept.	9.	From Pleasant View, Churchville past	3 57
Oct.	26.	Interest on bonds (Seminary)	16 66
Nov.	6.	From Rev. A. D. R. Hancher	7 15
Nov.	14.	From Hebron, Madison pastorate	4 12
1909.			
Feb.	15.	Interest on bonds, S. C.	12 00
Feb.	15.	Interest on deposits	8 40
April	3.	From Rev. J. A. Huffard*	3 00
April	6.	From Rev. W. P. Huddle	4 69
April	16.	From Grace church, Winchester, Va	21 20
April	30.	From Christ church, Staunton	10 00
May	3.	From Rev. J. A. Huffard	3 00
May	3.	From St. Mark's, Luray	2 50
May	8.	From Emanuel's, Woodstock	5 75
May	8.	From First Lutheran church, Norfolk	8 00
May	13.	From Rev. S. L. Keller	2 50
July	13.	From First Church, Richmond	18 9[illegible]
July	17.	From Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D.	9 00
July	21.	From First Church, Portsmouth, Va	2 65
July	22.	From St. Matthew's, New Market	6 05
July	22.	From Rev. W. J. Smith	4 50
July	22.	From Gravel Springs pastorate	12 22
July	22.	From Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.	7 50
July	22.	From St. Peter's, Shepherdstown	10 00
July	24.	From Rev. Peter Miller	1 65
July	24.	From North River pastorate	8 35
July	26.	From Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D.	4 87
July	26.	From Rev. J. G. Graichen	2 50
July	26.	From St. Martin's, New Market pastorate	3 50
July	26.	Interest on deposits	1 75
July	26.	Interest on bonds	5 17
July	27.	From Rev. J. I. Coiner	2 50
July	27.	From Bethany, Bethany pastorate	6 35
July	27.	From St. Mark's, New Market pastorate	3 50
July	28.	From Rev. E. A. Repass	4 50
July	29.	From Rev. W. J. D. Scherer	5 50
July	31.	From Rev. J. M. Shreckhise	2 00
Aug.	2.	From Frieden's, Rockingham pastorate	2 50
Aug.	3.	From Rev. S. L. Keller	2 50
Aug.	3.	From Rev. A. M. Smith	2 25

*This was for 1908—was sent in June 27th.

Aug.	5.	From Rev. E. L. Folk	$ 4 75
Aug.	5.	From Holy Trinity, Middlebrook pastorate	4 64
Aug.	5.	From St. Mark's, Middlebrook pastorate	2 50
Aug.	5.	From Mt. Hermon, Middlebrook pastorate	3 00
Aug.	5.	From Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D.	5 00
Aug.	5.	From Trinity, Buena Vista pastorate	1 00
Aug.	5.	From Bethlehem, Luray pastorate	1 50
Aug.	5.	From St. Mark's, Luray pastorate	2 00
Aug.	7.	From Rev. C. W. Cassell	2 25
Aug.	7.	From Trinity, Stephen's City pastorate	6 00
Aug.	7.	From St. Paul's, Stephen's City pastorate	3 75
Aug.	7.	From Rev. D. W. Files	4 50
Aug.	7.	From Salem pastorate	8 64
Aug.	9.	From St. Paul's, Strasburg pastorate	10 00
Aug.	9.	From St. Peter's, Strasburg pastorate	7 00
Aug.	9.	From Grace church, Waynesboro	5 00
Aug.	9.	From Mrs. J. B. Guntner, Staunton, Va.	1 00
			$963 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

1908.			
Aug.	22.	Paid Rev. E. L. Folk, expenses attending annual meeting, August 18th	$ 2 90
Oct.	5.	Paid Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D., 4th quarter in 1908	37 50
Nov.	9.	Paid Mrs. J. H. Wyse, 1st quarter	37 50
Nov.	9.	Paid Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, expenses attending meeting of Board	1 05
Dec.	17.	Paid Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D., 1st quarter for 1909	37 50
1909.			
Jan.	19.	Paid Mrs J. H. Wyse, 2d quarter in 1909	37 50
April	3.	Paid Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D., 3d quarter	37 50
April	3.	Paid Mrs. J. H. Wyse, 3d quarter	37 50
April	23.	Paid Rev. T. O. Keister, D. D., for Newberry College bonds	400 00
July	12.	Paid Mrs. J. H. Wyse, 4th quarter	37 50
July	12.	Paid Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D., 4th quarter	37 50
Aug.	7.	Paid postage and post cards	50
			$ 704 45
Aug.	9.	By cash in bank	$ 259 25
			$ 963 70

ASSETS.

1909.		
Aug.	One Virginia Synod bond (see Minutes, 1904, page 37), 5 per cent	$ 333 33
	One Newberry College bond, No. 38, 6 per cent.	500 00
	One Newberry College bond, No. 39, 6 per cent.	500 00
	Cash in bank, Strasburg, Va	259 25
		$1592 58

PASTORATES THAT HAVE PAID IN PART AND THOSE THAT HAVE PAID NOTHING.

1909.		*Assessed.*	*Paid.*
Aug. 7.	Buena Vista pastorate	$ 7 40	$ 1 00
	Capon pastorate	9 15	
	Churchville pastorate	6 30	
	Harrisonburg	4 50	
	Gravel Springs pastorate	15 00	12 22
	Luray	7 00	6 00
	Madison pastorate	14 10	
	Mt. Jackson pastorate	17 50	
	Mt. Tabor	9 50	
	Newport News	5 70	
	Rockingham	6 15	2 50
	Salem pastorate	19 20	8 64
	Shenandoah pastorate	16 85	
	St. James pastorate	6 50	
	Zion-St. James	9 20	

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. HEATER,
Treasurer Pastors' Fund Society.

On motion, the action of the Directors was ratified, and the report was adopted as a whole.

On motion, Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., of the Theological Seminary, Mt. Pleasant, S. C., addressed the Synod on the work of that institution.

The following report was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SECRETARY'S REPORT.

We, your Committee on Secretary's Report, have examined the same, and would report that we note with much pleasure that four hundred additional Bittle Memorial certificates, were printed for the

use of the Bittle Memorial Fund Committee; and we recommend that the $4 in item 3 be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. GRAICHEN,
GEO. E. SHUEY,
J. W. ENGLEMAN.

The following report was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE SOCIETY.

We, your committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to bring before our people the needs of the American Bible Society, beg leave to report that we sent a personal letter to each pastor in the Synod, requesting that the needs of the society be placed before their people.

J. J. SCHERER, JR.,
W. P. HUDDLE.

On motion, the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. A. Huffard.

THIRD SESSION.

BETHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1909, 9.30 A. M.

The Synod was opened with devotional services by Rev. J. G. Graichen.

The roll was called. The minutes were read and approved.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The following papers have been placed in our hands: The regular dismissal of Rev. Prof. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., of the Southwestern Virginia Synod, signed by the President; the dismissal of the Rev. August C. Karkau of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, signed by the President; and that of the Rev. J. F. Bruch of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, signed by the President of that body.

We recommend that they be received into connection with this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SMITH,
W. P. HUDDLE,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
J. M. SHRECKHISE.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Executive Committee was taken up, considered by items, and pending consideration of Item 6, on motion Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. P. Huddle.

At eleven o'clock, the synodical communion service was held. The sermon was preached by Rev. E. A. Repass, Ph. D., of New Market, Va.

FOURTH SESSION.

BETHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1909, 2 P. M.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. D. W. Files. The minutes were read and approved.

The Synod continued the consideration of the report of the Executive Committee.

On motion, the two items of the report in reference to the second church in Norfolk and the work in Portsmouth were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. L. L. Smith, D. D., E. L. Folk, W. P. Huddle, Messrs. J. M. Snapp, J. L. Wisman.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION ON CHURCHVILLE APPROPRIATION.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be empowered to withhold the appropriation for the Churchville pastorate, if after a thorough examination into conditions in said pastorate, it be found wise to do so.

On motion, with the exceptions above noted, the report of the Executive Committee was adopted as a whole.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION TO BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Resolved, That the Virginia Synod memorialize the Board of Home Missions, requesting it to receive the Portsmouth mission and accept the $900 appropriated by the Virginia Synod towards pastor's salary, and give Virginia Synod credit for same on its apportionment for Home Missions.

On motion, Rev. J. H. Cowan of the Presbyterian church was recognized and invited to a seat in the Synod.

On motion, Superintendent J. T. Crabtree of the Orphan Home, Salem, Virginia, was made an advisory member of Synod.

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The President appointed the following Committee to Nominate the Executive Committee—Revs. E. L. Folk, J. A. Morehead, D. D., J. A. Huffard.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Your Committee on Minutes of last Meeting of Synod have examined said minutes and notice the following items.

1. Page 24. Report of Committee on Educational Interest. Has this committee anything to report?

2. Page 29. Committee on Literary Institutions. Did our pastors observe items 1st, 2d, and 3d in that report? In part.

3. Page 38. Union of Synods—Committee on Union of Synods continued. Has this committee anything to report? Continued.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. FILES,
E. M. ARMENTROUT,
PETER MILLER,
L. A. ZIRKLE.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

On motion, the Committee on Education, consisting of the following members, Revs. L. L. Smith, D. D., Geo. S. Bowers, D. D., A. D. R. Hancher, M. Coffman, Esq., was continued.

COMMITTEE ON UNION OF SYNODS.

On motion, the Committee on Union of Synods, composed of the following members, Revs. L. L. Smith, D. D., Geo. S. Bowers, D. D., A. D. R. Hancher, M. Coffman, Esq., was continued.

The following report was read, considered by items; and, on motion, laid over until tomorrow morning.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES.

We, your Committee on Minutes of Conferences, report that we have examined said minutes, and find that each conference held two regular conventions, but find nothing claiming the attention of Synod except the following resolution passed by the Southern Conference:

"*Resolved*, That we recommend to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia at its next meeting that the Synod endorse and pledge its cooperation in the raising of $5,000 for a new church in Richmond."

Your committee respectfully submit this resolution for the further consideration of Synod.

J. W. SHUEY,
H. C. HAITHCOX,
W. H. RIFFEY,
J. M. SNAPP.

The following report was read and adopted.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, suggest the following named brethren as members of the Executive Committee: Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D., Rev. W. J. Smith, Rev. C. W. Cassell, Messrs. J. E. Cooper, C. W. Heater.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. L. FOLK,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
J. A. HUFFARD.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

Your Committee on Letters and Petitions respectfully submit the following report:

1. On letter of Rev. Dr. Holland, President of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Synod, in which he conveys the greetings of the board and expresses the hope that this Synod will continue its liberal support of the cause. He also conveys the information that a charter from the government of Japan has been secured for the legally holding of property in the Empire; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we are glad to hear of the hopeful progress of our work in Japan, and assure the Board of Foreign Missions and our missionaries in that Empire of our continued interest in the work and of our loyal support of it.

2. On Letters of Excuses from Revs. W. J. D. Scherer, A. M. Smith, and S. L. Keller, asking to be excused for non-attendance on this

session of Synod on account of illness. Your committee recommend that they be excused. Respectfully submitted,

H. C. HAITHCOX,
PETER MILLER,
M. L. CANUP,
S. T. SHANK.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

Resolved, That all applicants for aid shall file their applications at least 30 days before meeting of Synod with the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and that the Report of the Executive Committee be printed along with other reports for distribution at opening of Synod.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE UNITED SYNOD.

The eleventh convention of the United Synod was held in the Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Ga., October 6–10, 1908. It was a representative and inspiring ecclesiastical body. Almost without exception, full delegations were present from the district synods. The Virginia Synod had the unusual distinction of having present every delegate, clerical and lay, elected as a primarius at its last session.

Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., Dean of our Theological Seminary, was re-elected president of the Synod ; Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., a member of this body was chosen vice-president ; Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D., and Hon. C. H. Duls were re-elected respectively secretary and treasurer.

Brotherly love and fervent zeal characterized the convention from first to last. A spirit of reasonable optimism was dominant at all times. All questions received careful consideration and amicable solution. What had been accomplished since the last convention was fully reported, intelligently reviewed, and acted upon with a view to the future enlargement of our work in all departments. The Synod seemed to be keenly aware of the fact that the day of larger undertakings had dawned upon it, and that to meet the same with courage and determination was its duty and privilege.

Those having the sacred interests of the church under their care presented ample and informing reports of the same, these evoking more or less discussion in proportion to their importance and the diversity of view point of the members of the Synod.

The Report of the Board of Missions and Church Extension was a comprehensive setting forth of the acts thereof for a period of two years and three months, the chief of which were the election of Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., to the office of Missionary Superintendent ; the

successful raising of $25,000 for the Mission School in Japan; the calling, commissioning, and sending out to Japan of Rev. L. S. G. Miller; the formation of a co-operative compact with the General Council and the General Synod in Home Mission work in selected sections of our field; and the helping to self-support of two churches both belonging to this Synod, the First Church, Norfolk, and Trinity Church, Newport News, again illustrating the compensatory principle in Home Mission work.

The Synod, in acting upon this report through its committee, divided our mission work; and, for its more rapid development in the future, established two Boards to be known, the one as the Foreign Mission Board of the United Synod, and the other as the Home Mission and Church Extension Board of the United Synod. It also passed the following recommendations which, to be in effect among us, ought to have our endorsement at this time:

(a) "That Epiphany season be adopted for special offerings for Foreign Missions.

(b) That April be continued as Japan month in all our Sunday-schools.

(c) That October be adopted as Home Mission month in all our churches.

(d) That Reformation season be Home Mission day in all our Sunday-schools."

It further recommended the following apportionments: $15,000 for Foreign Missions; $15,000 for Home Missions; $10,000 for Church Extension. Your delegation recommend that we accept our just proportion of these apportionments.

The corporation of the Orphan Home made a full report, showing its efficiency in ministering to those who are received under its fostering care. Owing to the increased number of children in the Home, an increased monthly income will be needed. In order to make the building comfortable a heating plant was needed, and we are pleased to say one has been installed. The amount asked of us for this most worthy cause should be raised to the last cent. The following recommendation passed by the Synod should receive our cordial endorsement:

"We recommend that all the Sunday-schools of the United Synod be urged to set apart at least one Sunday during the year, to be known as Orphan Home Sunday, and that offerings be taken for the support of the Home. Where suitable, such offerings be taken during summer months, this being the time when fewer gifts come to the Home."

The Theological Seminary was given protracted consideration, the sentiment of the Synod finally crystallizing in a resolution to remove

from Mt. Pleasant, S. C. The matter of selecting another location was left to the Board of Directors and a commission composed of one member from each Synod. Until the Seminary is re-located and sufficient funds raised for its better equipment, each district synod is requested to continue its annual contribution to its support.

A new cause sprang into existence at this meeting of Synod, and was given the name—"The Board of Publication of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South." Its home is in a commodious and well-appointed building in Columbia, S. C., where all orders can and ought to be sent for books, church and Sunday-school supplies. Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. BOWERS,
A. D. R. HANCHER,
E. L. FOLK,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
W. P. HUDDLE,
W. H. RISER,
L. L. SMITH,
J. E. COOPER,
J. L. WISMAN,
S. T. SHANK,
JACOB UMLAUF.

On motion, M. Coffman, Esq., was excused from further attendance after this session of Synod.

On motion, Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., was excused after tomorrow morning's session.

On motion, the Synod adjourned to meet as a Ministerium, with prayer by Rev. Peter Miller.

FIFTH SESSION.

BETHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1909, 9.30 A. M.

The Synod was opened with devotional services conducted by Rev. E. A. Repass, Ph. D. The roll was called. The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D., read a letter to Synod from Rev. C. A. Marks, conveying fraternal greetings.

On motion, the $175 returned by Rev. C. A. Marks was, at his request, transferred from the Beneficiary Education Fund to the Bittle Memorial Fund.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your committee, appointed to examine Treasurer's Report, would report it to be correct.

MAYBERRY McKEE,
JACOB UMLAUF.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

WHEREAS, We have heard with pleasure the address of Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., Professor of Theology in our Theological Seminary at Mt. Pleasant, S. C., and, recognizing the cogency of his argument for the support and patronage of our Theological Seminary; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we commend our Theological Seminary to our people for their liberal support, and express the hope that our candidates for the Gospel Ministry and for our pulpits attend our seminary.

Resolved, 2. That it is our judgment that, for the best interests of our Southern church, our Theological Seminary ought to be more centrally located.

On motion, Rev. E. C. Cronk, Secretary of the Publication Board, was received as an advisory member of Synod.

The special committee on the second church in Norfolk, and Portsmouth work, rendered the following report, which was considered by items and adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PETITION OF FIRST CHURCH AT NORFOLK AND THE SUBJECT OF A CHURCH HOME FOR PORTSMOUTH.

The committee having had these important subjects under consideration, would respectfully report as follows:

1. It is the judgment of this committee that the prime work of home missions appealing to this Synod is the securing of a church home for the Portsmouth mission congregation.

2. That the Synod hereby approves the purchase of certain real estate in said city of Portsmouth, at the price offered, and pledges $5,000 towards the same.

3. That the Synod hereby authorizes the Committee on Appropriations and Apportionments to apportion the sum of $1250 among our congregations towards the same.

4. That the Synod hereby pledges this $5,000 and agrees to pay the same in four annual installments of $1250.

5. That the Executive Committee of this Synod have full and plenipotentiary power to carry out this action of Synod.

6. That in view of the pressing needs of the Portsmouth mission, the Synod regrets exceedingly its inability financially to grant the petition of the First Church, Norfolk, Va., and assures the brethren it views with deep interest the establishment of a second church.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH,
E. L. FOLK,
W. P. HUDDLE,
J. M. SNAPP,
J. L. WISMAN.

On motion, Rev. J. M. Shreckhise was excused from further attendance on Synod.

RESOLUTION ON RICHMOND CHURCH.

The resolution of the Southern Conference to the Synod, with reference to the aid that might be given the Richmond congregation in building a new church, was taken up and further discussed.

Pending the discussion, on motion, the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. W. Cassell.

SIXTH SESSION.

BETHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1909, 2 P. M.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., President of the Board of Home Missions, was received as an advisory member of Synod.

RESOLUTION ON RICHMOND CHURCH APPROVED.

The Synod resumed consideration of the resolution from the Southern Conference relative to aid for the Richmond church, and same was approved.

On motion, Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., addressed the Synod in the interests of the Board of Home Missions.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

We report apportionments same as last year, both for congregations and Sunday-schools, with the exception of Foreign Missions and Church Extension.

APPORTIONMENTS.

PASTORATE.	Theological Seminary.	Beneficiary Education.	Spec. Synodical Home Mission Fund.	Synodical Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphan Home.	Church Extension.
Bethany	$ 3 00	$ 5 00	$ 28 00	$ 8 00	$ 28 00	$ 25 00	$ 7 00	$ 28 00
Bethlehem	5 00	4 00	32 00	5 00	14 00	10 00	3 00	14 00
Capon	2 00	3 00	20 00	3 00	16 00	10 00	5 00	16 00
Churchville { St. Peter	2 00	3 00	16 00	2 50	6 00	10 00	2 00	6 00
Churchville { Pleasant View.	2 00	3 00	16 00	5 00	8 00	10 00	3 00	8 00
Gravel Springs	7 00	9 00	40 00	15 00	65 00	55 00	25 00	65 00
Harrisonburg	3 00	5 00	20 00	4 00	18 00	15 00	5 00	18 00
Luray { Ebenezer	1 00	1 00	6 00	2 00	7 50	7 00	2 50	7 50
Luray { St. Mark	2 00	3 00	12 00	4 50	9 00	10 00	4 00	9 00
Luray { Bethlehem	1 00	1 00	4 00	2 75	6 00	5 00	2 00	6 00
Madison { Pisgah	1 00	5 00	8 00	2 75	2 00	5 00	1 00	2 00
Madison { Hebron	12 00	12 00	80 00	25 00	90 00	65 00	25 00	90 00
Middlebrook { Holy Trinity	2 00	6 00	20 00	5 00	20 00	15 00	5 00	20 00
Middlebrook { St. Mark	1 00	2 00	10 00	2 00	9 00	10 00	1 50	9 00
Middlebrook { Mt. Hermon	1 00	2 00	4 00	1 50	6 00	6 00	1 00	6 00
Mt. Jackson	4 00	10 00	68 00	20 00	87 00	60 00	17 50	87 00
Mt. Tabor	8 00	10 00	56 00	15 00	65 00	50 00	15 00	65 00
New Market { St. Matthew	5 00	5 00	56 00	9 00	45 00	35 00	5 00	45 00
New Market { St. Mark	4 00	3 00	28 00	3 00	14 00	15 00	4 00	14 00
New Market { St. Martin	4 00	3 00	28 00	3 00	14 00	15 00	4 00	14 00
Newport News	2 00	5 00	28 00	5 00	8 00	15 00	3 00	8 00
Norfolk	2 00	5 00	28 00	7 00	20 00	20 00	7 00	20 00
North River	4 00	3 00	8 00	5 00	19 00	10 00	5 00	19 00
Portsmouth	1 00	1 00	7 00	1 00	2 00	7 00	4 00	2 00
Richmond	4 00	6 00	32 00	8 00	22 50	30 00	7 00	22 50
Rockingham	3 00	3 00	20 00	7 00	24 00	20 00	7 50	24 00
Shenandoah { Mt. Zion	2 00	4 50	16 00	3 00	15 00	20 00	2 50	15 00
Shenandoah { St. Luke	1 00	2 50	12 00	2 00	10 00	10 00	2 50	10 00
Shenandoah { Lebanon	2 00	5 00	16 00	5 00	22 00	15 00	3 00	22 00
Shepherdstown { St. Peter	8 00	10 00	80 00	25 00	66 00	50 00	20 00	66 00
Shepherdstown { St. James	4 00	7 00	48 00	12 00	34 00	35 00	10 00	34 00
Spring Val. { Buena Vista	3 00	3 00	16 00	4 00	10 00	8 00	3 00	10 00
Spring Val. { New Mt. Olive	1 00	3 00	14 00	1 50	3 50	5 50	1 00	3 50
Spring Val. { Spring Valley	1 00	3 00	14 00	1 50	3 50	5 50	1 00	3 50
Salem	5 00	5 00	40 00	17 00	42 00	45 00	7 50	42 00
Staunton	7 00	12 00	80 00	20 00	70 00	60 00	20 00	70 00
Stephen's City { St. Paul	2 00	3 00	16 00	5 00	22 00	15 00	2 50	22 00
Stephen's City { Trinity	2 00	2 00	14 00	7 00	20 00	18 00	5 00	20 00
Strasburg { St. Paul	1 50	8 00	56 00	12 00	30 00	30 00	7 50	30 00
Strasburg { St. Peter	1 50	8 00	56 00	10 00	25 00	25 00	7 50	25 00
Waynesboro	2 00	3 00	28 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	3 00	5 00
Winchester	15 00	20 00	200 00	75 00	225 00	800 00	55 00	225 00
Woodstock	9 00	10 00	80 00	20 00	35 00	35 00	9 00	35 00
Zion-St. James	7 00	10 00	56 00	15 00	70 00	55 00	13 00	70 00
Totals								$1333 00

SUNDAY-SCHOOL APPORTIONMENTS.

FOR SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL—PASTORATE.	Apportioned.
Bethany—Bethany	$ 8 00
Bethlehem—Bethlehem	6 00
Grace—Waynesboro	6 00
Trinity—Buena Vista	2 00
Hebron—Capon	5 00
St. Peter's—Capon	5 00
Mt. Moriah—North River	2 00
Ebenezer—North River	4 00
St. Peter's—Churchville	2 00
Pleasant View—Churchville	4 00
Bethel—Gravel Springs	8 00
Fremont—Gravel Springs	1 00
Gravel Springs—Gravel Springs	5 00
St. John—Gravel Springs	8 00
St. James—Gravel Springs	5 00
Muhlenberg—Harrisonburg	10 00
Lebanon—Shenandoah	5 00
Mt. Zion—Shenandoah	5 00
St. Luke—Shenandoah	2 50
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Mt. Pisgah—Madison	1 00
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Bethel—Mt. Jackson	2 50
St. James—Mt. Jackson	2 50
Holy Trinity—Middlebrook	5 00
Mt. Hermon—Middlebrook	1 50
St. Mark's—Middlebrook	3 50
Mt. Tabor—Mt. Tabor	10 00
St. Matthew—New Market	4 00
St. Mark—New Market	2 00
St. Martin—New Market	2 00
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Bethlehem—Luray	1 00
St. Mark's—Luray	8 00
Ebenezer—Luray	5 00
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Frieden's—Rockingham	3 00
St. John—Rockingham	3 00
St. Peter—Shepherdstown	20 00
St. James—Shepherdstown	10 00
Christ Church—Staunton	20 00
St. Paul—Strasburg	15 00
St. Peter—Strasburg	10 00
Salem—Salem	12 00
Melanchthon Chapel—Salem	5 00
St. James—Salem	5 00
Zion—Zion-St. James	8 00
St. James—Zion-St. James	8 00
Grace Church—Winchester	100 00
Emanuel—Woodstock	25 00
Newport News—Newport News	5 00
Spring Valley—Spring Valley	1 00
New Mt. Olive—Spring Valley	2 00
Portsmouth—Portsmouth	5 00
	$454 50

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Mr. A. W. Craun	$100 00
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Rockingham	75 00
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Portsmouth	900 00

FROM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND.

For Theological Seminary	$ 100 00

FROM HOME MISSIONS, UNITED SYNOD FUND.

For Home Missions	$2025 00

FROM ORPHAN HOME FUND.

For Orphan Home	$ 350 00

FROM FOREIGN MISSIONS, UNITED SYNOD FUND.

For Foreign Missions	$2025 00

FROM SYNODICAL FUND.

For Secretary's salary and expenses	$ 19 00
For Treasurer's salary and expenses	56 01
For President's expenses	2 50
For sexton	5 00

FROM CHURCH EXTENSION UNITED SYNOD.

For Church Extension	$1333 00

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Bethany		$ 28 00
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Madison	Pisgah	8 00
	Hebron	80 00

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Mt. Jackson		68 00
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	St. Martin	28 00
Newport News		10 00
Norfolk		15 00
North River		15 00
Portsmouth		8 00
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Shenandoah	Mt. Zion	16 00
	St. Luke	12 00
	Lebanon	16 00
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	St. James	48 00
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	Spring Valley	14 00
Salem		40 00
Staunton		80 00
Stephen City	St. Paul	16 00
	Trinity	14 00
Strasburg	St. Paul	60 00
	St. Peter	40 00
Waynesboro		20 00
Winchester		200 00
Woodstock		80 00
Zion-St. James		56 00

W. J. SMITH,
W. H. RISER,
C. W. CASSELL,
J. M. SNAPP,
T. J. COOPER.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

Two of the great needs of the Church are more educated Christian laymen and increased numbers of consecrated men in the ministry. To meet these, faithful home training and education under thoroughly Christian influences are necessary. The denominational Christian college has its place which neither the State nor undenominational institution can fill.

It is gratifying that Roanoke College, our college, is still doing an

efficient work as the servant of the Church. Its moral and religious influence is a power that makes for good. Here, under positive religious influence, our Lutheran young men are receiving that education which will prepare them to take their proper places and enable them to wield a greater power for good in the Church of Christ. To our college we must look in the future as we have in the past for the greater part of the ministers of our Synod.

Of the 628 alumni who have gone out from Roanoke, 158 have entered the ministry and 28 have been presidents, professors, and principals of seminaries. And of the 190 enrolled last session from 25 to 30 have the ministry in view.

Graduates of Roanoke have been appointed to scholarships at Johns Hopkins, Princeton, Yale University, and the University of Pennsylvania; while the graduate given the scholarship at Oxford last year will continue his work in that institution.

The Board of Trustees are planning greater things for the college. A new boarding hall, the first of a group of new buildings, will be finished in a few months. It will be two stories high with basement, length one hundred feet by forty-five feet in width, the style being collegiate Gothic. While the institution needs more money, it needs the sons of the Church more than money.

We recommend as did the committee last year:

1. That our congregations be urged to respond with liberality to all the appeals of the college, and that Synod continue its appropriation.

2. That pastors and congregations continue to observe Roanoke College day, and unite their efforts to obtain the entire amount necessary to complete the Bittle Memorial Fund.

3. That for the sake of unanimity all our congregations observe Reformation day or the Sunday nearest to that day as Roanoke College day.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We have heard with pleasure the report given by Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., of the condition of this "school of the prophets." Of the fourteen students last session, five graduated and are now in the work of the active ministry. It is to be hoped that the number attending will be increased year by year till we have enough pastors to fill our vacant pastorates and to take up the work at our various mission points. To build up this institution and make it what it should be, we need all the theological students from our own territory.

We recommend the appropriation of $100 for the coming session.

W. P. HUDDLE,
J. M. SHRECKHISE,
J. L. WISMAN,
GEO. W. RINKER.

The following report was read and ordered printed :

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF ROANOKE COLLEGE.

DEAR BRETHREN :—

The fifty-sixth session has been added to the history of Roanoke College in the service of the cause of Christian education under the care of the two synods in Virginia. While the work has had its serious difficulties and discouragements, there are many evidences that the blessing of God has been upon it. To Him, therefore, our heartfelt gratitude is due on account of His gracious goodness in using and prospering the work of our hands.

The work of the past session was characterized by the good order and on the whole by the good work of the students of whom 190 were in attendance. About thirty young men have already decided to study for the ministry. Of the graduating class, which numbered 18, three of the ablest men purpose entering the holy ministry. It is counted scarcely less encouraging that most of the others go forth to the various avocations of life Christian college men for the service of the Church.

In the changes in curriculum, in connection with the advance of standard and the extension of courses recently, care has been taken, contrary to modern tendencies even in institutions of religious foundation, to preserve those studies which look to the development of faith and character. The study of the Bible in course is required for graduation. There are also included other subjects which are designed to aid the student in so truly unifying his knowledge that, as a matter of intelligent conviction, he holds the theistic or Christian conception of nature, man, and God. This is the fundamental thing in Christian education in the collegiate grade. That the sons of the Church may make the most of life, it is of the greatest importance that they should have the training of the Christian home in faith, obedience, and habits of industry in preparation for college entrance.

The generous aid of the Church, in connection with the Carnegie and Bittle memorial funds, has so increased the financial resources of the college that the faculty of professors has been increased in five years from eleven to twenty. This larger teaching force results in the far more efficient conduct of this growing work. The A. B. degree of Roanoke College is recognized by the best universities, its graduates being able to take the A. M. degree at Princeton, Yale, etc., in one year. Such means and evidence of increasing efficiency are encouraging at the college.

At their recent annual meeting, the Board of Trustees reviewed their policy of progress. Five years ago, it was determined, 1. To

advance the standard and extend the courses; 2. to enlarge the faculty by the increase of productive endowment; and 3. to improve the material equipment. It was noted that the first two purposes have been accomplished to an encouraging degree, although constant care must be given to make further advances as the progress of the work requires them. Hence the trustees determined to enter without delay upon the prosecution of a building campaign. A harmonious group plan for the improvement of the buildings of the college, proposed by a competent Philadelphia architect, has been approved by the board. The first new building will be a college commons or boarding hall with steward's quarters and instructors' dormitories, the main purpose being thereby to provide for the service of wholesome board under pleasant surroundings at economical rates. Now, while the income from endowment and students' fees is less than the amount necessary for current expenses, the college is free from debt, and is in solid financial condition. Through the co-operation of generous friends, North and South, the income for current expenses has been supplemented and a building fund of $3,200 has been accumulated. Therefore, after a careful scrutiny of the urgent needs of the work and the facts of the financial situation, the trustees in reliance upon God in earnest faith have resolved to erect the first new building. The cost will be from $19,000 to $20,000. Ground was broken for the college commons August 7, 1909. The sympathy and prayers of the Church are asked that God may bless this forward movement. Just as soon as the means are at the command of the college, the second new building, which is greatly needed for dormitories, will be erected.

The alumni roll of the college, which was issued with the catalogue the present year, reveals facts of interest. The total number of graduates to date amounts to 628. Of this list, 131 have entered the ministry of the Lutheran Church, 30 the ministry in other denominations, 86 are lawyers and judges, 81 are teachers and superintendents of schools, 42 are physicians and surgeons, 45 are farmers, 28 are college presidents, professors, and principals of seminaries, 8 are bankers, 6 are foreign missionaries, and the remainder are or have been engaged in other useful callings. Besides the alumni of the college, several thousands of men, stopping short of graduation, have received their measure of collegiate education at Roanoke. What this institution has meant in the trained servants who have been sent out from its walls can scarcely be fully estimated. But it does seem clear that the progress of the Church in the years to come will be conditioned by the sending forth of increasing numbers of such thoroughly prepared men for service in pulpit and in pew. As the servant of the Church, the college is ready to do all in its power for the Christian collegiate education of the sons of the Church. Is it not the privilege

and duty of pastors and people, as a matter of Christian or Church work, to do all in their power to send the sons of the Church to Roanoke College? In this particular, your co-operation in sympathy, prayer, and effort will be gratefully appreciated for the work's sake.

The report of the treasurer of the college, filed herewith, will indicate the progress made toward raising the Bittle Memorial Fund since the last meeting of this body. It is a matter of regret that it has not been possible for the President of the college to co-operate with the committee of Synod the present summer in the prosecution of the movement. However, it is hoped that provision will be made at this meeting for the canvass of the congregations not yet visited and for the pushing of this great campaign to a successful conclusion. The constant demand for an increasing teaching force and for the improvement of the buildings makes the completion of this fund more urgently needed than ever before. The income from the Bittle Fund already in hand has had no small part in making it possible to begin the improvements now in progress at the college. The generous help of our people of the Virginia Synod in enlarging the work of the college is a cause of profound gratitude to God.

Believe me in this service,

Fraternally and faithfully yours,

J. A. MOREHEAD.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted as a whole :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your committee, having examined the President's Report, offer the following for your consideration :

Since the Synod has taken action on the increase of our Foreign Mission appropriation, we have passed over this part of the report. We feel that the action of Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., of Richmond, in bringing to the attention of the President the condition of the Norwegians at Norge, and the action of the President in writing them and sending the greetings of Synod is commendable, and note with pleasure the readiness of our pastors and officials to render all such services possible.

In accordance with the recommendations and suggestions of the President we recommend :

1. That Synod approve the official acts of the President.

2. That it be a standing rule of Synod that pastors report all such improvements as change the appearances or appointments of their churches, and the observance of anniversaries, to the President, that such matters may be preserved in our records.

3. That a committee, constituted as the President recommends, be appointed to collect all Standing Resolutions of the Synod, and report to the next meeting, and that each year thereafter the Standing Resolutions of that meeting be printed under proper headings on a separate page in the Minutes of that meeting.

4. That the Synod, through her President and Executive Committee, keep in closer touch with the young men of our Synod in the seminaries, with a view to their preferable selection for services among us.

5. That, in hearty sympathy with the sentiment of chapter 10, section 2 of the Constitution, concerning the opening of Synod with devotional services, hereafter this be more strictly followed.

6. That the thanks of this body be returned to the President for the efficiency and fidelity with which he has discharged the duties of his office.

C. W. CASSELL,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
W. H. RISER,
E. A. LUTZ,
R. A. GRAVES.

On motion, Revs. A. D. R. Hancher, E. L. Folk, and J. F. Bruch were constituted a committee to compile all Standing Resolutions and print them on a separate page of the Minutes.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

On motion, Synod proceeded to the selection of the time and place of next meeting, which resulted as follows:

Time, Tuesday, August 23, 1910, at 8 p. m.

Place, St. Peter's church, Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

On motion, the thanks of Synod for the hospitality of the Bethany congregation and friends, were ordered to be conveyed to the congregation through the President of Synod.

On motion, the sum of $5 was voted to the sexton of Bethany church for services rendered.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your committee notes with pleasure that with few exceptions our pastors report a very largely increased activity in Christian work and a larger attendance at service.

The increased liberality of our people for the benevolent operations of the Church is an occasion for thanksgiving.

Our Sunday-schools show an increase in enrollment and attendance and a greater interest in benevolence, especially the missionary operations of the church.

Without an exception our pastors report a deepened interest in the catechisation of the young.

The financial condition of our churches, as a whole, is better than ever in the history of the church. Having church property valued at about $304,000 with only $5,000 indebtedness reported, our financial basis seems exceptionally sound.

Though some congregations report a few of their sons and daughters in our Church schools, there seems to be some indifference manifested toward Christian education.

The most deplorable fact set forth in most of the reports is the very limited use of our church literature in the homes, the Sunday-schools, and church services.

We earnestly commend as exceedingly important aids to the Christian life of all our congregations the larger circulation and reading of the *Lutheran Church Visitor* and *Tidings* and the adoption and faithful use of our Common Service in the regular worship of our congregations, and also a more general practice of catechisation on the part of all Lutheran parents and pastors.

J. J. SCHERER, JR.,
J. A. HUFFARD,
J. M. TISE,
J. L. SHUEY.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

Your committee finds the following vacancies in the Synod ; Harrisonburg, Spring Valley, and North River (now supplied by Rev. Peter Miller).

It is gratifying that important vacancies last year in the Synod have since been filled, and we trust all vacancies at the present time will soon be provided for.

E. A. REPASS,
J. A. HUFFARD,
G. E. SHUEY,

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BITTLE MEMORIAL FUND.

Your committee would report that since the last meeting of this Synod, no active work in canvassing has been done. However collec-

tions have been made from time to time on subscriptions until now only a few remain to be paid. The committee express the hope that the canvass may be resumed in a short time and pushed to completion. To this end the committee would ask to be continued.

In response to the request of the President of the College, it is recommended that the Synod express its willingness for the income from the Bittle Fund to be used in the building campaign, pending the completion of the said Bittle Fund, when it shall be sufficient to support a professorship.

The financial exhibit of the Fund at this date is as follows:

Balance on hand, as rendered by Treasurer of Roanoke College to the Virginia Synod, August 14, 1908, $846.12.

Receipts, from subscriptions and interest on loans, $1,998.40; total $2,844.52,

Disbursements, loans, &c., $2,493.22. Balance on hand, August 14, 1909, $351.30. Total amount cash in Fund to date $10,004.77.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SMITH,
GEO. S. BOWERS,
A. D. R. HANCHER,
M. COFFMAN,
J. FRANK CLEMMER,

On motion, 1,500 copies of the Minutes were ordered printed and distributed among the congregations of Synod.

BIDS ASKED.

On motion, the Secretary was required to ask bids, for printing Minutes, from the Lutheran Board of Publication, and others.

On motion, the Minutes of the Synod are to be paid for, in the future, as soon as synodical funds are in the hands of the Treasurer.

On motion, it was ordered that Synod adjourn finally at the close of the evening service.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The President appointed the following Examining Committee: Revs. J. A. Snyder, D. D., W. J. Smith, J. M. Shreckhise, J. A. Morehead, D. D., W. P. Huddle.

SPEAKERS FOR NEXT SYNOD.

The President appointed the following speakers for next Synod :

Ordination—Rev. W. J. Smith.
Education—Rev. J. I. Coiner.
Missions—Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

The President appointed the following Church Extension Board : Revs. A. D. R. Hancher, D. W. Files, and H. M. Clemmer.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. L. Folk.

At the close of the evening service, the Synod was formally closed by the use of the order for closing Synod as found in the Book of Worship.

The benediction was pronounced by the President, Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D.

A. D. R. HANCHER,
Secretary Evang. Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

FORM FOR REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

1. Activity in Christian Work.
2. Attendance on Service.
3. Benevolence.
4. Sunday-schools.
5. Catechisation.
6. Finances.
7. Church Property.
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9. Church Literature.

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FIRST SESSION.

BETHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1909, 4 P. M.

The Ministerium met, and was called to order.

No business being before the body, on motion, the Ministerium adjourned.

A. D. R. HANCHER, *Secretary*
Ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

DIVINE SERVICES.

BETHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ROCKBRIDGE CO., VA.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1909.

8 P. M.—Opening sermon by Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D., Winchester, Virginia.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1909.

11 A. M.—Synodical communion sermon by Rev. E. A. Repass, Ph. D., New Market, Va.

8 P. M.—Educational Address by Rev. C. W. Cassell, Stephens City, Virginia.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1909.

11 A. M.—Sermon by Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., Mt. Pleasant, S. C.

8 P. M.—Address on Missions by Rev. M. L. Canup, Mt. Jackson, Va.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1909.

11 A. M.—Sermon by Rev. J. F. Bruch, Staunton, Va.

8 P. M.—Address on Publication Cause by Rev. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C.

Addresss on Orphan Home Work by Supt. J. T. Crabtree, Salem, Va.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 1909.

11 A. M.—Sermon by Rev. J. W. Shuey, Portsmouth, Va.

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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST CONVENTION OF THE EVANG. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia met in St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, on Tuesday evening, August 23, 1910.

The opening sermon was preached by the President Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D., of Winchester, Va.

FIRST SESSION.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,
SHEPHERDSTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA,
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1910, 9 A. M.

The Synod was formally opened by the President, Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D., according to the order for opening Synod in the Book of Worship. The clerical roll was called and the absentees noted. Lay-delegates presented their credentials, and the names of those entitled to seats in the Synod were enrolled.

CLERICAL ROLL.

MINISTERS.	POSTOFFICE.	ORDAINED.
Rev. J. M. Shreckhise	Raphine, Va., R. F. D. No. 1	1858
" J. A. Snyder, D. D.*	Woodstock, Va	1859
" Peter Miller	Rio, W. Va.	1860
" H. C. Haithcox, D. D.	Shepherdstown, W. Va.	1872
" L. G. M. Miller, D. D.	Mt. Pleasant, S. C	1874
" A. M. Smith *	Winchester, Va., R. F. D	1876
" C. A. Marks	Waynesboro, Va., R. F. D. 4	1877
" W. J. Smith	Bloom, Frederick county, Va	1878
" L. L. Smith, D. D.*	Strasburg, Va	1880
" J. W. Strickler	Waynesboro, Va., R. F. D. 2	1882
" W. B. Oney	Woodstock, Va., R. F. D. 3	1882
" George S. Bowers, D. D	Winchester, Va., 126 N. Market St	1883
" J. G. Graichen	Waynesboro, Va	1883
" E. L. Folk	Middlebrook, Va	1884
" G. E. Shuey	Dayton, Va	1886
" J. A. Huffard	Luray, Va	1888
" W. P. Huddle	Madison Courthouse, Va	1888
" J. A. Morehead, D. D	Salem, Va	1892
" A. D. R. Hancher	Staunton, Va., 12 Fayette St	1892
" J. F. Bruch	Staunton, Va., R. F. D. 7	1894
" C. W. Cassell	Stephens City, Va	1896
" D. W. Files	Mt. Sidney, Va	1896
" J. W. Shuey	Portsmouth, Va., 1021 North St	1897
" W. H. Riser	Norfolk, Va., 102 Charlotte St	1898
" W. W. J. Ritchie	Churchville, Va	1898
" E. A. Repass, Ph. D	New Market, Va	1900
" J. J. Scherer, Jr	Richmond, Va., The Shenandoah	1904
" L. S. G. Miller *	Kumamoto, Japan	1907
" J. I. Coiner	Lexington, Va., R. F. D. No. 1	1908
" A. C. Karkau	Newport News, Va., 109 27th St	1909

* Absent and excused.

REGISTER.

NUMBER	PASTORATES	CHURCHES.	PASTORS.
1	Bethany	Bethany	Rev. J. I. Coiner.
2	Bethlehem	Bethlehem	Rev. J. W. Strickler
3	Buena Vista	Trinity	Rev. J. G. Graichen
4	Capon	Hebron, St. Peter, Trinity, Trout Run, and Fairview	Vacant
5	Churchville	St. Peter, Pleasant View	Rev W. W. J. Ritchie
6	Gravel Springs	Bethel, Fremont, Gravel Springs, St. John, St. James	Rev. W. J. Smith
7	Harrisonburg	Muhlenberg	Vacant
8	Luray	Bethlehem, St. Mark, Ebenezer	Rev. J. A. Huffard
9	Madison	Hebron, Mt. Pisgah	Rev. W. P. Huddle
10	Middlebrook	Holy Trinity, Mt. Hermon, St. Mark	Rev. E. L. Folk
11	Mt. Jackson	Mt. Calvary, Bethel, St. James	Vacant
12	Mt. Tabor	Mt. Tabor	Rev. J. F. Bruch
13	New Market	St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Martin	Rev. E. A. Repass, Ph. D.
14	Newport News	Trinity	Rev. A. C. Karkau
15	Norfolk	First Church	Rev. W. H. Riser
16	North River	North River, St. James, Mt. Moriah	Rev. Peter Miller
17	Portsmouth	First Lutheran Church	Rev. J. W. Shuey
18	Richmond	First English Lutheran Church	Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr.
19	Rockingham	Frieden, St. John, Trinity	Rev. G. E. Shuey
20	Salem	Salem, Melanchthon Chap., St James	Rev. D. W. Files
21	Shenandoah	Mt. Zion, St. Luke, Lebanon	Rev. W. B. Oney
22	Shepherdstown	St. Peter, St. James	Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.
23	Spring Valley	New Mt. Olive, Spring Valley	Vacant
24	Staunton	Christ	Rev. A. D. R. Hancher
25	Stephens City	Trinity, St. Paul	Rev. C. W. Cassell
26	Strasburg	St. Paul, St. Peter	Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D.
27	Waynesboro	Grace	Rev. J. G. Graichen.
28	Winchester	Grace	Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D.
29	Woodstock	Emanuel	Vacant
30	Zion-St. James	Zion-St. James	Rev. C. A. Marks

LAY-DELEGATES.

Bethany, Daniel Welsh; Bethlehem, John M. Coiner; Buena Vista, S. J. Huffman; Capon, C. H. Cline; Churchville, Chas. M. Meyerhoeffer; Gravel Springs, Joseph Hawkins; Luray, John J. Moyer; Madison, R. A. Graves; Middlebrook, G. C. B. Arehart; Mt. Jackson, Jacob M. Kagey; Mt. Tabor, John L. Clemmer; New Market, Gustavus Wickes; Newport News, G. Franklin Lenz; North River, Dr. J. M. Miller; Richmond, Jacob Umlauf; Rockingham, S. T. Shank; Salem, D. S. Wine; Shenandoah, Josiah Wisman; Shepherdstown, Mayberry McKee; Staunton, Prof. F. W. Hamer; Stephens City, W. H. Painter; Waynesboro, Joseph T. Carr; Winchester, H. K. Green; Zion-St. James, A. H. Towberman.

The President, Rev. George S. Bowers, D. D., read his report which was received for future action.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—Through the tender mercy of our heavenly Father, we have been brought together in this the eighty-first convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia. Assembled here in his holy temple and presence, it is befitting us to pay unto him the homage of our hearts for his unceasing loving kindness to us throughout another synodical year. With David let us say, "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower;" and, still employing the language of the inspired singer, let us express the aspiration and purpose of our hearts saying, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people." The continuous goodness of God to us during the year now closing has been very evident. Death has not invaded our clerical ranks. Neither heresy nor schism has vexed our churches. Peace has ruled among us. Prosperity has attended us. All our achievements were begun, continued, and ended in Him. May this same merciful and gracious Father be with us throughout our convention to inspire and guide us in all of our deliberations and conclusions that the praise of his holy name may be set forth and the glory of his kingdom enhanced in all of our churches.

We should, especially now in the beginning of our convention, be profoundly sensible of the exalted privilege we have enjoyed during the year of working together with God and each other for the salvation of mankind. Of all the privileges accorded to us this is the highest and noblest. None even approaches it in the dignity of its offices and the beneficence and perpetuity of its results. Have we, at all times, understood the honor and magnitude of this privilege and exercised ourselves in it so as to please Him who proffered it? We trust we have. Yet with any feeling of fidelity there comes the impression of failure so that, in our meeting together, we not only praise God for his goodness, but we lament before him our derelictions and transgressions.

Yet another exalted privilege is ours. It is that of meeting together as brethren in the Lord to deliberate upon the grave and far-reaching questions relating to the up-building of the church of our Master. May the Holy Spirit be present in all of our sessions and so take possession of us that brotherly love may characterize all our discussions and the great ends of the church of Christ be promoted.

In obedience to the constitution, I now submit to you a statement of my official acts for the past synodical year, together with any other matters that may require your consideration.

VACANCIES.

When we convened last year three vacancies existed in our Synod; now there are five. The pastorates without permanent pastors are Harrisonburg, Spring Valley, Capon, Woodstock and Mt. Jackson. It is to be noted that the first two of these vacancies have continued for more than a year. Such a condition in any of our churches is greatly to be deplored and should not be suffered to continue longer. It is also to be regretted that some of our pastorates now vacant find it so difficult to determine upon pastors. Prolonged vacancies are disastrous to our work both within the pastorates and the Synod, for the relations of these are close and their influences reciprocal. Because of the supreme issues involved, we earnestly hope and pray that these pastorates, one and all, will, at an early date, call to labor among them men equipped for the work to be done in them.

RESIGNATIONS.

Rev. M. L. Canup notified me on August 30, 1909, that he had resigned the Mt. Jackson pastorate on August 15, 1909, the same to become effective on September 1, 1909.

On October 22, 1909, I received a letter from Rev. J. M. Tise, stating he had resigned the Shenandoah pastorate, the same having gone into effect on September 30, 1909.

Sometime after it occurred, I was informed by Mr. Milton Coffman that Rev. W. J. D. Scherer had resigned the Woodstock pastorate on December 19, 1909, the same to go into effect at once.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

On September 26, 1909, Rev. J. W. Strickler wrote me that he had accepted a call to the Bethlehem pastorate and had begun his work therein on September 12, 1909.

On December 23, 1909, Rev. W. B. Oney informed me he had accepted a call to the Shenandoah pastorate, and would take charge of same January 1, 1910.

On April 5, 1910, I received a letter from Rev. C. A. Marks in which he stated he had accepted a call to the Zion–St. James pastorate and had entered upon his labors therein on February 3, 1910.

PASTORS DISMISSED.

On November 2, 1909, I gave Rev. J. M. Tise a letter of dismissal to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Southwestern Virginia.

On November 23, 1909, I sent Rev. M. L. Canup a letter of dismissal to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.

On January 19, 1910, I granted Rev. W. J. D. Scherer a letter dismissing him to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland.

On July 25, 1910, Rev. S. L. Keller was given a letter of dismissal to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

CERTIFICATES OF DISMISSAL RECEIVED.

On September 26, 1909, Rev. J. W. Strickler sent me his letter of dismissal to this body from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina.

On December 23, 1909, Rev. W. B. Oney forwarded to me his certificate of dismissal to this body from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland.

INSTALLATIONS.

On August 20, 1909, at the solicitation of the pastor, Rev. August Karkau, I appointed Revs. W. H. Riser and J. J. Scherer, Jr., a committee to install him as pastor of Trinity church, Newport News. I have recently been informed that this service took place on Sunday, September 12, 1909, Rev. Riser delivering the charge to the congregation and Rev. Scherer that to the pastor.

On October 1, 1909, Rev. J. F. Bruch requested that a committee be appointed to install him as pastor of the Mt. Tabor pastorate. His request was granted, and the service took place on October 21, 1909, during the meeting of the Southern Conference in said church. Rev. E. L. Folk delivered the charge to the pastor and Rev. S. L. Keller that to the people.

On May 25, 1910, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher informed me that he and Rev. J. F. Bruch had installed Rev. C. A. Marks as pastor of the Zion-St. James pastorate on Sunday, May 22, 1910, Rev. Bruch delivering the charge to the pastor, and he that to the people.

SUPPLIES FOR VACANT PASTORATES.

On November 24, 1909, I received a letter from Mr. John W. Link, a student from the Shepherdstown pastorate, at Mt. Airy Theological Seminary, saying he would have an extended vacation at the Christmas holidays, and if it could be arranged he would be pleased to serve some vacant pastorate in our Synod on two Sundays in December, 1909, and two in January, 1910. I sought to arrange for him at Harrisonburg, but owing to conditions there failed. I then succeeded at Mt. Jackson, and he supplied this pastorate for the four Sundays with profit to himself and the people.

Mr. M. Coffman notified me on April 26, 1910, that Emanuel congregation of Woodstock had extended an invitation to Mr. B. F.

Copenhaver, a student at Mt. Airy Seminary, to supply their congregation during the summer recess. Mr. Copenhaver accepted the invitation and began his work on May 22, 1910.

Mr. Charles W. Hepner, a theological student of our Synod in our Seminary at Mt. Pleasant, S. C., was invited by the Capon pastorate to become its supply during his summer vacation. I am pleased to say Mr. Hepner accepted the invitation and took up his work on May 29, 1910.

It is very gratifying to note the willingness of these young brethren to labor in our vacant pastorates during their vacations, and all reports that reach us of their work are excellent.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

In a note of November 15, 1909, Rev. C. W. Cassell, pastor of the Stephen's City pastorate, conveyed to me the following statement: "Last week we placed in the Sunday-school room of Trinity church, Stephen's City, new reversible back pews. They add much to the beauty of the room and to the comfort and convenience of the school. The cost of the pews was $125, and all is paid. This completes the furnishing of our church."

CORNER-STONE LAYING.

Under date of January 4, 1910, Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., pastor, wrote me requesting that I, in accordance with our constitution, appoint a committee to conduct the service in connection with the laying of the corner-stone of the new edifice in process of erection by the First English Lutheran congregation of Richmond, Va. This I did on January 10, 1910, appointing Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D., and Rev. W. H. Riser. In a letter dated April 26, 1910, Rev. Dr. Morehead writes thus:

"In compliance with your appointment and the request of Pastor Scherer, I visited Richmond April 5, 1910, to assist in the laying of the corner-stone of the new edifice of the First English Lutheran church at the corner of Monument avenue and Lombardy street. The service according to the Book of Worship, with an address by myself, was held at four o'clock in the afternoon of that day. It was a beautiful spring-like day. A large gathering of people was present. The occasion was solemn and inspiring. The church council, the congregation, and the pastor seemed full of energy and faith. I believe they are determined to carry to a successful issue their great undertaking. I think this erection of a suitable church building in a good location at Richmond will in the providence of God mean much for our church in Virginia. I am very sorry that Rev. W. H. Riser was unable to be present on account of attendance at a meeting of the Home Mission Board of the United Synod."

FUNDS FOR RICHMOND CHURCH.

Under date of March 19, 1910, Mr. M. Coffman, our Treasurer, wrote me stating the First English Lutheran church of Richmond had made a demand for the money invested for its benefit by action of Synod, and that he wished to know what to do. On March 20, 1910, I replied to him saying that I thought the action of Synod as contained in the Minutes of 1905, page 38, was sufficient authority for his turning over the amount under his charge. Later he informed me he had forwarded the balance, including principal and interest, of the $20,000 forward movement fund, amounting to $695.85.

ROANOKE COLLEGE DAY.

Several years ago, on account of the Synod's undertaking to raise $25,000 for the creation of the Bittle Memorial Fund, it was deemed best to discontinue the observance in our churches of Roanoke College Day. As the canvass in behalf of the above named fund is now at a standstill, I most earnestly recommend that we do now return to our custom of observing Reformation day, or the Sunday nearest thereto, as Roanoke College Day.

DELEGATES TO THE UNITED SYNOD.

It will be the duty of the Synod to elect delegates to the next convention of the United Synod, to be held in the First English Lutheran church of Richmond, Va., beginning Tuesday, September 6, 1910.

Together with this report, I submit to you all letters received by me bearing upon my official acts.

I now return to you the office to which you so kindly elected me a year ago, thanking you for assistance and consideration in my duties, and praying that from our meeting may go forth influences that will greatly enrich the kingdom of our God.

GEO. S. BOWERS.

The Secretary read his report which was received for future action.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

1. The Minutes of Synod were printed and distributed by Henkel & Co., New Market, Va. The cost including postage and expressage was $110 08.

2. A book of orders on the Treasurer of Synod was printed at a cost of $1.50.

3. The bill for postage, &c., in the discharge of the routine duties of the office of Secretary, is $2.30.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. R. HANCHER, SECRETARY.

The Treasurer read his report which was received for future action.

Apportionments and Receipts of Pastorates of the Virginia Synod of the

Index Number.	PASTORATE.	THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.		BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.		SPECIAL SYNODICAL HOME MISSION FUND.		SYNODICAL FUND.		Home Missions
		Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.
1	Bethany	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 28 00	$ 28 00	$ 8 00	$ 8 00	$ 28 00
2	Bethlehem	5 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	32 00	13 00	5 00	. . .	14 00
3	Capon	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	20 00	20 00	3 00	3 00	16 00
4	Churchville { St. Peter	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	16 00	23 57	2 50	2 50	6 00
	Churchville { Pleasant View	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	16 00	28 50	5 00	5 00	8 00
5	Gravel Springs	7 00	. . .	9 00	9 00	40 00	44 00	15 00	15 00	65 00
6	Harrisonburg	3 00	. . .	5 00	. . .	20 00	. . . .	4 00	. . .	18 00
7	Luray { Ebenezer	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	6 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	7 50
	Luray { St. Mark	2 00	2 50	3 00	3 50	12 00	13 00	4 50	5 00	9 00
	Luray { Bethlehem	1 00	. . .	1 00	. . .	4 00	. . . .	2 75	. . .	6 00
8	Madison { Pisgah	1 00	60	5 00	67	8 00	3 00	2 75	60	2 00
	Madison { Hebron	12 00	18 00	12 00	18 74	80 00	46 50	25 00	31 74	90 00
9	Middlebrook { Holy Trinity	2 00	2 00	6 00	6 00	20 00	20 00	5 00	5 00	20 00
	Middlebrook { St. Mark	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	10 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	9 00
	Middlebrook { Mt. Hermon	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	4 00	1 50	1 50	6 00
10	Mt. Jackson	4 00	. . .	10 00	5 00	68 00	30 00	20 00	15 00	87 00
11	Mt. Tabor	8 00	. . .	10 00	5 00	56 00	20 00	15 00	15 00	65 00
12	New Market { St. Matthew	5 00	. . .	5 00	5 00	56 00	32 50	9 00	9 00	45 00
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13	Newport News	2 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	28 00	47 02	5 00	10 00	8 00
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15	North River	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	8 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	19 00
16	Portsmouth	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	7 00	7 00	1 00	1 00	2 00
17	Richmond	4 00	4 00	6 00	6 00	32 00	32 00	8 00	8 00	22 50
18	Rockingham	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	20 00	15 00	7 00	7 00	24 00
19	Shenandoah { Mt. Zion	2 00	2 00	4 50	4 50	16 00	14 32	3 00	3 00	15 00
	Shenandoah { St. Luke	1 00	1 00	2 50	. . .	12 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	10 00
	Shenandoah { Lebanon	2 00	. . .	5 00	. . .	16 00	7 00	5 00	3 00	22 00
20	Shepherdstown { St. Peter	8 00	8 00	10 00	10 00	80 00	80 00	25 00	25 00	66 00
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22	Salem	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	40 00	40 00	17 00	17 00	42 00
23	Staunton	7 00	7 00	12 00	12 00	80 00	80 00	20 00	20 00	70 00
24	Stephen's City { St. Paul	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	16 00	16 00	5 00	5 00	22 00
	Stephen's City { Trinity	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	14 00	14 00	7 00	7 00	20 00
25	Strasburg { St. Paul	1 50	1 50	8 00	8 00	56 00	32 26	12 00	12 00	30 00
	Strasburg { St. Peter	1 50	1 50	8 00	8 00	56 00	56 00	10 00	10 00	25 00
26	Waynesboro	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	28 00	30 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
27	Winchester	15 00	15 00	20 00	20 00	200 00	200 00	75 00	75 00	225 00
28	Woodstock	9 00	1 50	10 00	5 00	80 00	80 00	20 00	20 00	35 00
29	Zion-St. James	7 00	3 00	10 00	4 00	56 00	20 00	15 00	6 00	70 00
30	Amount on hand last year	. . .	4 85	. . .	50 50	. . . .	607 45	. . .	. . .	. . . .
	Total	$160 00	$123 45	$237 00	$243 41	$1517 00	$1792 52	$411 00	$380 84	$1333

NOTE.—In finding total apportionments, the special apportionment for Portsmouth property is eliminated.

Evangelical Lutheran Church, for year ending August 23, 1910.

Index Number.	Home Missions	FOREIGN MISSIONS.		ORPHAN HOME.		CHURCH EXTENSION.		PORTSMOUTH PROPERTY.		ROANOKE COLLEGE.	VA. BIBLE SOCIETY.	TOTAL.	
	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.	Received.	Received.	Apportioned.	Received.
1	$ 28 00	$ 25 00	$ 127 42	$ 7 00	$ 21 00	$ 28 00	$ 34 96	$ 28 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	$ 132 00	$ 255 38
2	14 00	10 00	15 00	3 00	7 00	14 00	. . .	10 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	87 00	58 00
3	16 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	16 00	16 00	10 00	$ 10 00	. . . .	. . . .	75 00	85 00
4	6 00	10 00	10 00	2 00	7 05	6 00	6 00	16 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	47 50	60 12
5	14 00	10 00	12 00	3 00	7 00	8 00	8 00	16 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	55 00	79 50
6	26 00	55 00	68 78	25 00	41 38	65 00	. . .	25 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	281 00	204 16
	. . . .	15 00	. . .	5 00	. . .	18 00	. . .	20 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	88 00	. . . .
7	3 00	7 00	10 00	2 50	2 50	7 50	3 00	6 00	. . .	$ 1 50	. . . .	34 50	27 00
	10 25	10 00	18 50	4 00	11 84	9 00	9 00	12 00	. . .	1 00	. . . .	53 50	74 59
	. . . .	5 00	. . . .	2 00	. . .	6 00	. . .	4 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	27 75	. . . .
8	11	5 00	2 31	1 00	2 00	2 00	. . .	8 00	. . .	1 50	. . . .	26 75	10 79
	124 00	65 00	61 70	25 00	40 30	90 00	10 42	80 00	40 00	9 00	. . . .	399 00	400 40
9	20 00	15 00	22 30	5 00	5 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	93 00	100 30
	9 00	10 00	3 78	1 50	. . .	9 00	. . .	10 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	44 50	27 78
10	6 00	6 00	6 00	1 00	1 00	6 00	6 00	4 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	27 50	27 50
11	30 00	60 00	35 00	17 50	17 50	87 00	17 50	68 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	353 50	150 00
	20 00	50 00	87 45	15 00	15 00	65 00	15 69	56 00	56 00	. . . .	. . . .	284 00	234 14
12	26 30	35 00	28 39	5 00	76 98	45 00	. . .	56 00	2 09	. . . .	. . . .	205 00	180 26
	11 15	15 00	6 60	4 00	16 33	14 00	. . .	28 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	85 00	44 48
13	. . . .	15 00	15 00	4 00	4 00	14 00	. . .	28 00	10 60	. . . .	. . . .	85 00	53 60
14	8 00	15 00	9 20	3 00	6 00	8 00	. . .	10 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	74 00	89 22
15	20 00	20 00	20 00	7 00	46 25	20 00	20 00	15 00	15 00	. . . .	. . . .	169 00	163 25
16	19 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	19 00	19 00	15 00	15 00	. . . .	$ 6 38	73 00	94 38
17	2 00	7 00	7 00	4 00	12 00	2 00	2 00	8 00	10 25	. . . .	. . . .	25 00	43 25
18	22 50	30 00	30 00	7 00	18 19	22 50	22 50	25 00	. . .	11 75	. . . .	132 00	154 94
	24 00	20 00	17 00	7 50	7 50	24 00	4 12	20 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	108 50	80 62
	12 00	20 00	12 00	2 50	2 50	15 00	10 00	16 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	78 00	60 32
19	. . . .	10 00	. . . .	2 50	68	10 00	. . .	12 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	50 00	3 68
	15 00	15 00	12 00	3 00	3 00	22 00	16 00	16 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	90 00	56 00
20	66 00	50 00	50 00	20 00	20 00	66 00	66 00	80 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	325 00	325 00
	20 00	35 00	14 98	10 00	3 00	34 00	. . .	48 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	184 00	66 73
	. . . .	8 00	. . . .	3 00	. . .	10 00	. . .	10 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	57 00	5 25
21	. . . .	5 50	. . . .	1 00	. . .	3 50	. . .	14 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	33 00	. . . .
	. . . .	5 50	. . . .	1 00	. . .	3 50	. . .	14 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	33 00	. . . .
22	42 00	45 00	60 49	7 50	7 50	42 00	42 00	40 00	40 00	. . . .	. . . .	203 50	258 99
23	70 00	60 00	94 75	20 00	20 00	70 00	70 00	80 00	80 00	6 00	. . . .	339 00	459 75
24	22 00	15 00	46 23	2 50	10 48	22 00	22 00	16 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	87 50	126 71
	20 00	18 00	25 96	5 00	9 90	20 00	20 00	14 00	. . .	. . . .	$ 3 60	88 00	104 46
25	30 00	30 00	48 00	7 50	50 00	30 00	. . .	60 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	175 00	181 76
	25 00	25 00	25 00	7 50	7 50	25 00	25 00	40 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	158 00	158 00
26	5 00	10 00	30 00	3 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	20 00	20 00	. . . .	. . . .	61 00	103 00
27	225 00	800 00	800 00	55 00	55 00	225 00	225 00	200 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	1615 00	1615 00
28	35 00	35 00	35 00	9 00	62 29	35 00	35 00	80 00	. . .	. . . .	. . . .	233 00	273 79
29	25 00	55 00	48 14	13 00	13 00	70 00	20 43	56 00	8 14	. . . .	. . . .	296 00	147 71
30	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	662 80
00	$1071 31	$1777 00	$1985 98	$344 00	$643 67	$1333 00	$770 62	$1414 00	$307 08	$ 30 75	$ 9 98	$7112 00	$7309 61
	By amount from Sunday-schools												412 97
	By amount from Rev. C. A. Marks, special												200 00
	By amount from Rev. Harry F. Coffelt												25 00
													$7947 58

SUNDAY-SCHOOL APPORTIONMENTS AND RECEIPTS FROM SUNDAY-SCHOOLS OF VIRGINIA SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 23, 1910.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL—PASTORATE.	Apportioned.	Received.
Bethany—Bethany	$ 8 00	$ 7 80
Bethlehem—Bethlehem	6 00	6 00
Grace—Waynesboro	6 00	6 00
Trinity—Buena Vista	2 00	. . .
Hebron—Capon	5 00	5 00
St. Peter's—Capon	5 00	5 00
Mt. Moriah—North River	2 00	2 00
Ebenezer—North River	4 00	4 00
St. Peter's—Churchville	2 00	2 00
Pleasant View—Churchville	4 00	8 00
Bethel—Gravel Springs	8 00	8 00
Fremont—Gravel Springs	1 00	1 00
Gravel Springs—Gravel Springs	5 00	5 00
St. John—Gravel Springs	8 00	8 00
St. James—Gravel Springs	5 00	5 00
Muhlenberg—Harrisonburg	10 00	. . .
Lebanon—Shenandoah	5 00	5 00
Mt. Zion—Shenandoah	5 00	5 00
St. Luke—Shenandoah	2 50	2 50
St. Paul—Stephen's City	5 00	5 00
Trinity—Stephen's City	5 00	5 00
Hebron—Madison	15 00	15 00
Mt. Pisgah—Madison	1 00	1 00
Mt. Calvary—Mt. Jackson	6 00	. . .
Bethel—Mt. Jackson	2 50	. . .
St. James—Mt. Jackson	2 50	. . .
Holy Trinity—Middlebrook	5 00	5 00
Mt. Hermon—Middlebrook	1 50	1 50
St. Mark's—Middlebrook	3 50	3 50
Mt. Tabor—Mt. Tabor	10 00	10 00
St. Matthew—New Market	4 00	4 00
St. Mark—New Market	2 00	2 00
St. Martin—New Market	2 00	2 00
First Church—Norfolk	10 00	10 00
Newport News—Newport News	5 00	5 00
Bethlehem—Luray	1 00	. . .
St. Mark's—Luray	8 00	. . .
Ebenezer—Luray	5 00	. . .
First English Church—Richmond	15 00	22 67
Frieden's—Rockingham	3 00	3 00
St. John—Rockingham	3 00	. . .
St. Peter—Shepherdstown	20 00	20 00
St. James—Shepherdstown	10 00	. . .
Christ Church—Staunton	20 00	20 00
St. Paul—Strasburg	15 00	15 00
St. Peter—Strasburg	10 00	10 00
Salem—Salem	12 00	12 00
Melanchthon Chapel—Salem	5 00	5 00
St. James—Salem	5 00	5 00
Zion—Zion-St. James	8 00	8 00
St. James—Zion-St. James	8 00	8 00
Grace Church—Winchester	100 00	100 00
Emanuel—Woodstock	25 00	25 00
Spring Valley—Spring Valley	1 00	. . .
New Mt. Olive—Spring Valley	2 00	. . .
Portsmouth—Portsmouth	5 00	5 00
	$454 50	$412 97

EXPENDITURES MADE BY M. COFFMAN, TREASURER, FROM THE DIFFERENT FUNDS DURING THE SYNODICAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 23, 1910.

FROM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND.

1910.		DR.	
Aug.	9.	To amt. paid C. M. Efird, Treasurer	$ 100 00
		CR.	
Aug.	23.	By balance in Treasurer's hands	$ 23 45

FROM BENEFICIARY EDUCATION FUND.

1909.		DR.	
Sept.	18.	To amt. paid C. W. Hepner, and one other date .	$ 150 00
	29.	To amt. paid Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., per order Synod—see Minutes, p. 32 . $175 00	
	29.	To amt. paid same, special contribution Rev. C. A. Marks, Aug. 17, 1909 . . . 200 00	375 00
Nov.	8.	To amt. paid A. W. Craun, and 2 other dates . .	100 00
			$ 625 00
1910.		CR.	
Aug.	23.	To amt. overpaid and due Treasurer	$ 156 59

FROM SPECIAL SYNODICAL HOME MISSION FUND AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL APPORTIONMENTS FOR SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

1909.		DR.	
Sept.	9.	To amt. paid Rev. J. W. Shuey, and 11 other dates	$ 900 00
Nov.	3.	To amt. paid Rev. A. M. Smith	37 50
Nov.	26.	To amt. paid D. B. Engleman, Treas., and 3 other dates—for Waynesboro	100 00
Nov.	26.	To amt. paid Rev. J. G. Graichen, and 3 other dates—for Buena Vista	50 00
Dec.	22.	To amt. paid Rev. W. W. J. Ritchie, and 3 other dates	100 00
1910.			
Feb.	19.	To amt. paid Rev. Geo. E. Shuey, and 1 other date	75 00
			$1262 50
Aug.	23.	Balance in Treasurer's hands	942 99
			$2205 49
		CR.	
Aug.	23.	By balance from last year	$ 607 45
Aug.	23.	By amt. general receipts	1185 07
		Amount from Sunday-schools	412 97
			$2205 49

SUMMARY.

1910.			
Aug. 23.	By bal. in Treasurer's hands, general receipts	$ 530	02
Aug. 23.	By amt. Sunday-school receipts	412	97
		$ 942	99

FROM SYNODICAL FUND.

Dr.

1909.			
Aug. 17.	To amt. overpaid and due Treas. from last year.	$ 141	44
Oct. 9.	To amt. paid Treasurer for postage	5	00
Oct. 11.	To amt. Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Sec., sal. and exp.	19	00
Nov. 4.	To amt. Sexton Bethany church	5	00
Nov. 29.	To amt. Henkel & Co., printing Minutes	110	08
1910.			
Mar. 11.	To amt. C. W. Heater, Treas. Pastors' Fund, int. Virginia Synod bond	16	66
Aug. 9.	To amt. Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D., Pres., exps	2	50
Aug. 15.	To amt. Treasurer's salary	50	00
		$ 349	68

Cr.

	By balance in Treasurer's hands	$ 31	16

FROM HOME MISSION FUND FOR UNITED SYNOD.

1910.			
Jan. 18.	To amt. paid Jno. M. Rhodes, Treas., and 2 other dates	$1071	31

FROM FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1910.			
Jan. 18.	To amt. paid Jno. A. Cline, Treasurer, and 2 other dates	$1793	66
Jan. 18.	To amt. paid John A. Cline, Treas., from Staunton for Rev. Stirewalt	9	25
Aug. 15.	To amt. paid John A. Cline, Treas., from Salem pastorate for Rev. Stirewalt	10	49
Aug. 15.	To amt. paid John A. Cline, Treas., Bethany S. S., April day for Japan	10	64
	To amt. paid same, Staunton S. S., April day for Japan	15	00
	To amt. paid same, Gravel Springs past., St. James S. S., April day for Japan	10	00
	To amt. paid same, Middlebrook past., Holy Trinity S. S., April day for Japan	7	30
	To amt. paid same, Shepherdstown past., St. James S. S., April day for Japan	11	48

	To amt. paid same, Newport News past., Trinity S. S., April day for Japan	2 20
	To amt. paid same, Stephens City past., St. Paul's S. S., April day for Japan	22 50
	To amt. paid same, Stephens City past., Trinity S. S., April day for Japan	7 96
	To amt. paid same, Mt. Tabor, for Saga Home	25 00
	To amt. paid same, Staunton, for Saga Home	10 50
		$1935 98

ORPHAN HOME FUND.

1909.		
Nov. 12.	To amt. paid J. T. Crabtree, Supt., from Mrs. Riser's Sunday-school class, Norfolk, Va	$ 6 25
Dec. 21.	To amt. paid Paul S. Davis, Treasurer	125 00
1910.		
Jan. 11.	To amt. paid J. P. Houtz, Treas., from St. Paul, Strasburg, Va.	50 00
Jan. 11.	To amt. paid J. P. Houtz, Treas., and 2 other dates	350 00
Aug. 15.	To amt. paid Ivan Yonce, Treas., for heating plant from New Market, St. Matthew's cong.	46 24
Aug. 15.	To amt. paid same, St. Mark's cong. for heating plant	12 33
Aug. 15.	To amt. paid Ivan Yonce, Treas., current exp	53 85
		$ 643 67

FROM ROANOKE COLLEGE FUND.

1910.		
Aug. 15.	To amt. paid W. H. Ruthrauff, Treasurer	$ 30 75

FROM VIRGINIA BIBLE SOCIETY FUND.

1910.		
Aug. 15.	To amt. paid Virginia Bible Society Agency	$ 9 98

RECEIPTS FOR 1909–1910, INCLUDING BALANCE ON HAND.

Theological Seminary	$ 123 45
Beneficiary Education	243 41
Special Synodical Home Missions	1792 52
Special Synodical Sunday-schools Home Mission Fund	412 97
Synodical Fund	380 84
Home Missions Fund for United Synod	1071 31
Foreign Missions	1935 98
Orphan Home, current expenses	585 10
Orphan Home, heating plant	58 57
Roanoke College	30 75
Virginia Bible Society	9 98

Church Extension	$ 770 62
Portsmouth property	307 08
Rev. C. A. Marks, on beneficiary bonds	200 00
Rev. Harry F. Coffelt, on beneficiary bonds	25 00
	$7947 58

EXPENDITURES FOR 1909–1910.

Theological Seminary	$ 100 00
Beneficiary Education	625 00
Special Synodical Home Missions and Sunday-schools	1262 50
Synodical Fund	349 68
Home Missions United Synod	1071 31
Foreign Missions	1935 98
Orphan Home, current expenses	585 10
Orphan Home, heating plant	58 57
Roanoke College	30 75
Virginia Bible Society	9 98
Balance in Treasurer's hands	1918 71
	$7947 58

BALANCES IN TREASURER'S HANDS.

Theological Seminary Fund	$ 23 45
Synodical Fund	31 16
Church Extension Fund	770 62
Portsmouth Property Fund	307 08
Special Synodical and Sunday-school Home Mission Fund	942 99
	$2075 30
Less amt. due Treasurer from Beneficiary Education Fund	156 59
	$1918 71

ADDENDUM.

1. The Treasurer received check of $38 on a Waynesboro bank, for credit of Bethlehem congregation, but in the absence of a letter of advice accompanying check, was credited to the Waynesboro congregation under misapprehension. Total amount received on apportionment of Bethlehem congregation should be $96 and Waynesboro, $65.

2. August 17th, the Treasurer received $6 from Mt. Calvary Sunday-school, Mt. Jackson, Va., too late to note in report, and will appear in report for next year.

3. March 23d, 1910, the Treasurer forwarded to the First English Lutheran church, Richmond, Va., $695.85, amount of $20,000 Mission

Fund invested in time certificate of the Valley Building and Loan Association, Woodstock, Va., and interest to date, as per voucher submitted to Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

M. COFFMAN, TREASURER.

St. Peter's church, Shepherdstown, W. Va.,
August 23, 1910.

TREASURER'S BOOKS CLOSED.

On motion, the books of the Treasurer were ordered closed fifteen (15) days before the meeting of Synod.

On motion, the first four rows of pews were made the bar of Synod.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D.
Vice-President—Rev. E. L. Folk.
Secretary—Rev. A. D. R. Hancher.
Treasurer—M. Coffman, Esq.

BUSINESS HOURS.

On motion, the business hours of the Synod were made as follows: From 9 to 10.45 a. m., and from 2 to 4.30 p. m.

RECEPTION.

The pastor loci extended an invitation to the Synod to attend a reception at the parsonage on Thursday, August 25, from 9 to 11 p. m.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Revs. T. O. Keister, D. D., and J. C. Peery of the Southwestern Virginia Synod, A. R. Beck and A. J. Stirewalt of the Tennessee Synod, J. I. Miller, D. D., W. B. Oney of the Maryland Synod, J. W. Strickler of the North Carolina Synod, and Candidate C. W. Hepner were, on motion, received as advisory members and invited to seats in the bar of Synod.

On motion, the Synod fixed 2 o'clock this afternoon as

the time to hear Rev. A. R. Beck, the fraternal delegate of the Tennessee Synod.

On motion, the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. D. W. Files.

COMMUNION SERVICE.

At 11 o'clock, the synodical communion service was held. The sermon was preached by Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., of Mt. Pleasant, S. C.

SECOND SESSION.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church,
Shepherdstown, West Virginia,
Wednesday, August 24, 1910, 2 P. M.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Peter Miller. The minutes were read and approved.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

Rev. A. R. Beck, fraternal delegate of the Tennessee Synod, officially conveyed the greetings of that body in a happy manner. The President, Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D., made the response.

COMMITTEE ON FEMALE EDUCATION.

On motion, the following committee was appointed to confer with a committee from the Southwestern Virginia Synod with reference to the present conditions of female education: Revs. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., E. L. Folk, W. H. Riser, Messrs. Jos. T. Carr and Jacob Umlauf.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following committees:

1. *President's Report.*—Revs. J. A. Huffard, Peter Miller, W. W. J. Ritchie, and Messrs. C. H. Cline and John L. Clemmer.

2. *Secretary's Report.*—Revs. J. W. Shuey, C. W. Cassell, E. A. Repass, Ph. D., and Mr. S. J. Huffman.

3. *Treasurer's Report.*—Mr. S. T. Shank and Dr. J. M. Miller.

4. *State of the Church.*—Revs. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., J. M. Shreckhise, D. W. Files, Messrs. Josiah Wisman and Joseph Hawkins.

5. *Literary Institutions.*—Revs. J. J. Scherer, Jr., E. L. Folk, J. A. Huffard, Prof. F. W. Hamer and Mr. A. H. Towberman.

6. *Minutes of Synod.*—Revs. J. G Graichen, A. C. Karkau, C. A. Marks, Messrs. J. M. Kagey and Gustavus Wickes.

7. *Vacancies.*—Revs. W. J. Smith, E. L. Folk, J. F. Bruch, Messrs. J. M. Coiner and J. T. Carr.

8. *Conferences.*—Revs. W. H. Riser, Peter Miller, J. I. Coiner, Messrs. D. S. Wine and Daniel Welsh.

9. *Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. C. W. Cassell, J. A. Morehead, D. D., W. P. Huddle, Messrs. Mayberry McKee and Jacob Umlauf.

10. *Apportionments and Appropriations.* — Revs. W. J. Smith, W. H. Riser, C. W. Cassell, Messrs. G. F. Lenz and R. A. Graves.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The following papers have been placed in our hands : The regular dismissal of Rev. W. B. Oney of the Maryland Synod, signed by the president of that body; and the regular dismissal of the Rev. J. W. Strickler of the Synod of North Carolina, signed by the president of that synod. We recommend that they be received into connection with this Synod. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SHRECKHISE,
W. J. SMITH,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
W. P. HUDDLE.

The Report of the Executive Committee was read ; and, on motion, received and considered by items.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee held two meetings since the adjournment of Synod: at Winchester, October 6, 1909, and July 15, 1910, and beg leave to submit the following report:

Mr. J. E. Cooper was appointed to look after the purchase of church property at Portsmouth. The result of his efforts will come to the Synod through the report of the missionary. The chairman, Dr. George S. Bowers, has made earnest effort to secure a pastor at Harrisonburg. Being unable to get the congregation to take hold of the men he recommended, the Executive Committee at its last meeting appointed a sub-committee of three to visit the mission. This committee did not visit the mission because of their inability to call a congregational meeting.

Applications for aid from Synod were carefully considered at the meeting, July 15, 1910.

We recommend:

1. That Synod instruct the Executive Committee to visit the congregation at Harrisonburg, find out the conditions prevailing, the difficulties in the way of agreeing on a pastor; and, if possible, devise some plan by which the long and disastrous vacancy may be speedily filled, and if a pastor be secured, an appropriation of $500, more or less, be made for pastor's salary.

2. That Synod appropriate to Capon pastorate for pastor's salary $150.

3. That Synod appropriate to Waynesboro pastorate for pastor's salary $100.

4. That Synod appropriate to Buena Vista pastorate for pastor's salary $50.

5. That Synod appropriate to Portsmouth mission for pastor's salary $900.

6. That Synod appropriate to Rockingham pastorate for pastor's salary $100.

7. That Synod appropriate to Churchville pastorate for pastor's salary $150.

8. That Synod appropriate to C. W. Hepner to pursue his studies in Theological Seminary at Charleston, S. C., $150.

9. That Synod appropriate to A. W. Craun to pursue his studies at Roanoke College, $100.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. BOWERS,
W. J. SMITH,
C. W. CASSELL,
J. E. COOPER,
C. W. HEATER.

Pending the consideration of the report, on motion, the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. I. Miller, D. D.

THIRD SESSION.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. VA.,
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1910, 9 A. M.

Synod was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. J. W. Strickler. The roll was called. The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, Reports on the State of the Church and Parochial Reports were handed to the Chairman of the Committee on State of the Church and to the Secretary respectively.

REPORTS TO BE READ.

On motion, it was ordered that Reports on the State of the Church be read before the Synod at the next session.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted as a whole :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARION FEMALE COLLEGE.

Your committee, appointed to consider the matter of the enlargement of the work of Marion Female College, beg leave to offer the following for your consideration :

WHEREAS, Marion Female College is, by virtue of a majority of the members of its board, a church institution ; and

WHEREAS, An enlargement of the work of this College is important to all the interests of our church ; and

WHEREAS, A committee of the Southwestern Virginia Synod asks the co-operation of the Lutheran Synods on the territory of said College ; therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That we endorse the movement to perpetuate and to enlarge the work of Marion Female College, provided it be owned and controlled by the Lutheran church through the bodies represented and co-operating.

Resolved, 2. That this Synod appoint a committee to confer with a similar committee or committees of sister bodies for the perfecting of

plans for said purpose, which plans shall be submitted to their respective bodies in joint session.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. HAITHCOX,
W. H. RISER,
E. L. FOLK,
JOSEPH T. CARR,
JACOB UMLAUF.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

On motion, Revs. E. C. Cronk of the Georgia Synod, M. L. Canup of the North Carolina Synod, Superintendent J. T. Crabtree of the Orphan Home, and S. S. Cassell of the Board of Trustees of Marion Female College, were received as advisory members and invited to seats in the bar of Synod.

On motion, the presence of Rev. Dr. Charles Ghiselin of the Presbyterian Church was recognized.

CALLED SESSION OF SYNOD.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the officers of Synod be empowered to call a special meeting of Synod on request of the Committee on Female Education.

The Report of the Executive Committee was resumed and considered to item 7.

The President appointed Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., a member of the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. A. Repass, Ph. D.

FOURTH SESSION.

St. Peter's Church, Shepherdstown, W. Va.,
Thursday, August 25, 1910, 2 p. m.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. C. W. Cassell. The minutes were read and approved.

Synod resumed the Report of the Executive Committee, which was completed and adopted as a whole.

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The President appointed the following Committee to Nominate the Executive Committee: Revs. W. P. Huddle, J. A. Morehead, D. D., J. W. Shuey, and H. K. Green.

The following report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES.

We, your Committee on Minutes of Conferences, report that we have examined the same, and find that each conference held two meetings during the year.

We recommend the consideration, by this Synod, of the following resolution of the Potomac Conference:

Resolved, That this conference request Synod to consider the advisability of electing a Synodical Superintendent who shall exercise pastoral care over vacant congregations and unorganized mission points.

W. H. RISER,
PETER MILLER,
J. I. COINER,
D. S. WINE,
DANIEL WELSH.

The Archivist made a verbal report to the Synod of the property in his hands.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted as a whole:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Your Committee on Minutes of Last Meeting of Synod have examined said Minutes and call attention to the following items:

(1) Page 39. Report of Committee on Literary Institutions. Have the congregations generally observed the Sunday nearest Reformation Day as Roanoke College Day? In part. Furthermore have efforts been made during the synodical year to complete the Bittle Memorial Fund? Nothing was done as to Bittle Memorial Fund on account of the ill health of the chairman of the committee.

(2) Page 27. Report of Committee on Minutes of Synod, item 3. The question of last year's committee is renewed. Has the Committee on Union of Synods, which was continued last year, any report to submit at this time? Nothing was done.

(3) Page 33, item 4. Report of Special Committee on Petition of First Church at Norfolk and the subject of a church home for Portsmouth. Has the Synod discharged its obligation with reference to

making the first annual payment of $1250 on the $5,000 pledge made at the meeting of last Synod in order to secure a church home for the Portsmouth mission? No.

(4) Page 26. Has the request of the Virginia Synod made of the Board of Home Missions of the United Synod with reference to the Portsmouth appropriation of $900 been granted? No.

(5) Page 30. Has the recommendation of the committee with reference to setting aside one Sunday, preferably during the summer months, by the Sunday-schools as Orphan Home Sunday, been complied with? Yes.

(6) Page 42. Report of Committee on President's Report, item 2. Has the recommendation of this committee been observed? Yes.

(7) Page 43. Standing Resolutions. Has the committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to compile and put in print on a separate page of the Minutes all Standing Resolutions of the Synod, discharged its duty? Yes.

(8) Page 45. Bids asked. Has the Secretary complied with the request of Synod to ask for bids from the Lutheran Board of Publication and others for printing the Minutes? Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. GRAICHEN,
AUGUST C. KARKAU,
JACOB M. KAGEY,
GUSTAVUS WICKES,
C. A. MARKS.

On motion, Rev. Chas. S. Trump, of the Maryland Synod, was received as an advisory member of this Synod.

MARION COLLEGE.

The President appointed the following Committee on Marion College: Revs. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., J. A. Huffard, and Messrs. Geo. M. Beltzhoover and S. T. Shank.

The following report was read by Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D., president of Roanoke College, and ordered printed in the Minutes.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF ROANOKE COLLEGE.

DEAR BRETHREN:

By God's blessing, without interruption, proceeded the teaching work of the College during its fifty-seventh session. The health of students and faculty was excellent, the order good, and the record of work on the whole satisfactory. The enrollment reached

one hundred and eighty, a class of twenty-two being graduated in June, three of whom have definitely decided to enter the ministry of the Lutheran church. The incoming Senior class, which is a large one, has in it at least seven men who have in view the ministry of our Church. This feature of the work, so consistent with the historic mission of Roanoke College, is cause for grateful encouragement to the Church. But certainly of no less importance is the service of the institution to Church and country in sending forth increasing numbers of Christian laymen for usefulness in the various avocations of life.

The growing interest of the Church in the development of Roanoke College is a matter of great encouragement to the management. Rev. W. E. Hubbert, of Blacksburg, Va., an alumnus of Roanoke in the class of 1867, has determined to contribute $1,000 to establish at Roanoke College the Henry Samuel Hubbert Fund in memory of his son. Under a contract made with Roanoke College by Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Ott, recently deceased, the sum of $4,500 has, through their generosity, been added to the endowment fund of Roanoke College, the income to be used for the aid of young men preparing for the Lutheran ministry. The College is also named as residuary legatee in the will of Mrs. Ott. The late F. C. Ott, who passed away at an advanced age, was a student of the Collegiate Institute, which afterwards became Roanoke College. He was a devoted Christian, loyal to his College and to his Church. These generous contributions to the permanent usefulness of Roanoke College will ever be remembered gratefully.

For several years, the College has been confronted by the problem of reasonable adjustment to the new high school system that is so rapidly developing in Virginia and throughout the South. It has been felt to be of the utmost importance that the College should keep pace with general educational progress in courses, standard, and material equipment. Hence the Trustees have advanced the standard to the national basis of college entrance requirements and have extended the courses. The result is that Roanoke College now furnishes the broad courses of study, adapted to the wants of all students, whether they look to the learned professions, to engineering, to farming, or to business, that will serve the needs of the graduates of the best high schools, as well as of those who have not enjoyed such advantages. The transition to a higher standard has temporarily resulted in a slightly lower enrollment, but since the high schools are beginning to graduate classes it is expected that in the near future the attendance will increase to a considerable degree. In fact, the outlook for the coming session is better than ever before at this date in the history of the College.

The Faculty having been increased some years ago, the standard having been raised, the number of courses offered having been greatly increased, the Trustees have formed the profound conviction that the improvement of the material equipment of the College is of scarcely less importance, if the institution is successfully to meet competition and efficiently to do its work. The principle actuating the authorities of the College is that Roanoke can only perform fully its mission when, in addition to providing effectively the distinctive elements of Christian education, there are also offered general educational advantages and facilities equal to the very best to be found anywhere in the sphere of higher education. What it is necessary to do in order to perform fully its mission, it is felt that Roanoke College must have the faith and the courage to undertake to do. Since the days of Dr. Bittle, this has been the spirit and policy of Roanoke College. Therefore, confronted by the necessities of progress, trusting in God, and looking to the loyal cooperation of the constituency of the College, the Trustees determined, at a meeting held January 7, 1910, to push forward the building campaign by the erection of two additional buildings—a Gymnasium and a Dormitory. These buildings will be modern in every respect, the Dormitory having steam heat, electric lights, and toilet and shower bath on every floor. The Dormitory will be ready for occupancy by the opening of the coming session and the Gymnasium very soon thereafter. It is believed that the Commons or Boarding Hall, where board is furnished at moderate cost under pleasant surroundings ; the Dormitory, where students may be located with every comfort at moderate cost and with careful oversight ; and the Gymnasium, where young men may secure scientific physical development—it is believed that these additional advantages will add very greatly indeed to the attractiveness and efficiency of Roanoke College. These three new buildings, exclusive of furniture and equipment, will cost $66,468.15. Of this amount, some $12,000 has been raised in contributions. Pending the collection of the entire amount of the cost of these three new buildings, the Trustees are negotiating loans, for which bonds of the College are given. In their plans for the expenditure of the income of the College, the Trustees undertake, 1. to meet current expenses, 2. to provide for the interest account, and 3. to set aside any balance for the Building Fund to reduce the debt. It is therefore proposed, not to solicit funds directly and generally at this time within the bounds of the Virginia Synod for this Building Fund of Roanoke College. Rather it is the purpose to carry this great movement forward for the present by careful economy in the use of the annual income and by the increase of the income as much as possible each year from various sources.

The tendencies in secular colleges and universities against positive

Christianity, the modern general progress in education efficiency, the wisdom and necessity of our offering to the sons of the Church the very best advantages for a thorough collegiate education—these reasons press home the duty of unremitting effort for the development of Roanoke College. A great responsibility is upon us thus to serve the cause of Christian education. We can only discharge this responsibility by united loyalty and unanimous cooperation. This institution of the Church never needed more the unwavering faith, courage, support, and devotion of its constituency. It is believed that all will be glad to cooperate according to measure of ability in the extension of the usefulness of the College by the increase of its power to serve the cause of Christian education.

The two synods in Virginia will, during August of the present year, be asked to cooperate according to one specific method. In pursuance of the financial policy of the Trustees indicated above, it is therefore recommended—

1. That every pastor and congregation within the bounds of this Synod observe annually a "Roanoke College day," when services in the interest of Christian education shall be held, including special prayer for colleges.

2. That voluntary offerings be received for Roanoke College on this special day, the same to be applied to the general fund of the College for current expenses, interest account, reduction of building debt, etc.

Assuring you that we shall be greatly encouraged by your continued cooperation in the larger undertakings before us that Roanoke College may become more and more useful to the Church and to the world, believe me in this service,

Fraternally and faithfully yours,

J. A. MOREHEAD.

The Report of the Committee on Standing Resolutions was read and ordered printed.

The Report of the Pastors' Fund Society was read and adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF PASTORS' FUND SOCIETY.

The Board of Directors of the Pastors' Fund Society met in annual session at Strasburg, Va., August 15, 1910, and was opened with prayer by Rev. E. L. Folk. In the absence of the President, Vice-President J. E. Cooper presided.

The minutes were read and approved. Present—Revs. E. L. Folk, A. D. R. Hancher, and Mr. J. E. Cooper.

The election of officers for the coming year was as follows : President, Rev. A. D. R. Hancher ; Vice-President, Mr. J. E Cooper ; Secretary, Rev. E. L. Folk ; Treasurer, Mr. C. W. Heater.

Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., and Mr. C. W. Heater were elected directors for three years ending 1913, subject to the ratification of the Synod.

On motion, the Finance Committee was re-elected, and is constituted as follows : Revs. L. L. Smith, D. D., W. J. Smith, and Messrs. J. E. Cooper and C. W. Heater.

On motion, it was ordered that the books of the Treasurer be closed ten (10) days before the meeting of Synod.

On motion, an appropriation of $150 was made to Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D.

On motion, an appropriation of $150 was made to Mrs. J. H. Wyse, beginning October 1, 1910.

On motion, it was declared to be the sense of the Board of Directors that Synod be requested to give an expression of opinion upon the feasibleness of a canvass of the Synod for the purpose of enlarging the permanent fund of this society.

On motion, the apportionments for the coming year were made the same as last year, viz.: For pastors ¾ of one per cent on salaries of $600 and over, and ½ of one per cent. on salaries of less than $600 ; for congregations five (5) cents per member.

On motion, the board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. FOLK,
A. D. R. HANCHER,
J. E. COOPER.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF PASTORS' FUND SOCIETY.

1909.			
Aug.	9.	To cash in bank	$ 259 15
Aug.	13.	From Mt. Tabor	7 25
Aug.	13.	From Rev. J. F. Bruch	3 50
Oct.	8.	From Lebanon, Shenandoah pastorate	3 00
Oct.	8.	From St. Luke, " "	56
Oct.	8.	From Mt. Zion, " "	2 87
1910.			
Jan.	1.	Interest on deposits	2 00
Jan.	18.	From St. Mark's, Luray pastorate	4 50
Feb.	26.	From Rev. W. P. Huddle	5 15
Feb.	26.	From Hebron, Madison pastorate	6 11
Feb.	26.	From Mt. Pisgah, Madison pastorate	1 00
Feb.	22.	From Grace church, Winchester	21 50

Mar.	12	Interest on Seminary bond	$ 16 16
April	1.	Interest on Newberry bonds, Nos. 38 and 39	60 00
April	7.	From Rev. Peter Miller	1 35
April	7.	From North River pastorate	8 15
April	29.	From Christ church, Staunton	10 25
May	17.	From Hebron, Madison pastorate	4 89
May	18.	From Emanuel, Woodstock	5 75
May	18.	From First church, Norfolk	8 00
June	22.	From St. Matthew's, New Market	6 50
June	29.	From Rev. J. I. Coiner	2 50
July	6.	From Bethany, Bethany pastorate	7 40
July	6.	From Southern Conference, Virginia Synod	8 00
July	12.	From Rev. George S. Bowers, D. D.	9 00
July	12	From First church, Portsmouth	3 75
July	12	Interest on deposits	3 00
July	20.	From First E. L. church, Richmond	17 50
July	25.	From Rev. J. F. Bruch	5 25
July	25.	From Mt. Tabor	7 20
Aug.	4.	From Rev. W. J. Smith	4 50
Aug.	4.	From Gravel Springs pastorate	11 50
Aug.	5.	From Lebanon, Shenandoah pastorate	6 75
Aug.	5.	From St. Martin's, New Market pastorate	3 85
Aug.	5.	From Rev. J. G. Graichen	2 50
Aug.	8.	From Ebenezer church, Luray pastorate	1 00
Aug.	12.	From St. Peter's, Shepherdstown	10 60
"	"	From St. James, Shepherdstown pastorate	6 00
"	"	From Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.	7 00
"	"	From Rev. E. L. Folk	4 50
"	"	From Trinity, Middlebrook pastorate	4 43
"	"	From St. Mark's " "	2 50
"	"	From Mt. Hermon, " "	3 00
"	"	From Rev. J. W. Strickler	2 75
"	"	From Bethlehem, Bethlehem pastorate	4 55
"	"	From Rev. J. M. Schreckhise	1 25
"	"	From Rev. A. D. R. Hancher	7 00
"	"	From Rev. C. W. Cassell	2 25
"	"	From Trinity, Stephen City pastorate	6 00
"	"	From St. Paul's " " "	3 75
"	"	From Rev. D. W. Files	4 50
"	"	From Salem pastorate	19 35
"	"	From Rev. W. B. Oney	2 85
"	"	From Mt. Zion, Shenandoah pastorate	6 50
"	"	From St. Luke's, " "	3 50

Aug.	12.	From Rev. W. W. J. Ritchie	$ 2 25
"	"	From Pleasant View, Churchville pastorate	3 95
"	"	From St. Peter's, Churchville pastorate	2 25
"	13.	From Bethlehem, Luray pastorate	1 00
"	"	From Rev. E. A. Repass, Ph. D.	5 00
"	"	From Rev. August C. Karkau	10 00
"	15.	From Capon pastorate	9 15
"	"	From Rev. L. L. Smith	4 85
"	"	From St. Paul, Strasburg pastorate	10 00
"	"	From St. Peter, Tom's Brook pastorate	7 00
"	"	From Rev. J. A. Huffard	3 00
			$692 57

1909. DISBURSEMENTS.

Aug.	21.	Paid Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, expenses attending meeting, Aug. 9	$ 3 30
Aug.	21.	Paid Rev. E. L. Folk, expenses attending meeting, Aug. 9	4 10
Oct.	1.	Paid F. D. Smith for 200 circular letters	2 00
Oct.	1.	Paid Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D., 1st quarter	37 50
Oct.	1.	Paid Mrs. J. H. Wyse, 1st quarter	37 50
1910.			
Jan.	3.	Paid Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D., 2d quarter	37 50
Jan.	3.	Paid Mrs. J. H. Wyse, 2d quarter	37 50
April	4.	Paid Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D., 3d quarter	37 50
April	4.	Paid Mrs. J. H. Wyse, 3d quarter	37 50
July	9.	Paid Rev. J. A. Snyder, D. D., 4th quarter	37 50
July	9.	Paid Mrs. J. H. Wyse, 4th quarter	37 50
Aug.	16.	Cash in bank	383 17
			$ 692 57

1910. ASSETS.

Aug.	One Virginia Synod bond (see Min. 1904, page 37) 5 per cent	$ 333 33
	One Newberry bond, No. 38, 6 per cent	500 00
	One Newberry bond, No. 39, 6 per cent	500 00
Aug. 16.	Cash in bank	383 17
		$1716 50

CONGREGATIONS THAT HAVE PAID IN PART AND THOSE THAT HAVE PAID NOTHING.

1910.		*Assessed.*	*Paid.*
August	Trinity, Buena Vista pastorate	$ 1 50	
	Harrisonburg	4 50	
	Gravel Springs pastorate	13 75	$ 11 50

Mt. Pisgah, Madison pastorate	$ 2 50	$ 1 00
Mt. Jackson pastorate	17 25	
Newport News	5 70	
Rockingham pastorate	7 10	
St. James, Shepherdstown pastorate	6 75	6 00
Grace church, Waynesboro	5 25	
Zion, St. James	8 95	
New Mt. Olive, Spring Valley pastorate	4 65	
Spring Valley, Spring Valley pastorate	1 70	
St. Mark's, New Market pastorate	3 40	

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. HEATER,
TREASURER PASTORS' FUND SOCIETY.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VACANCIES.

The vacancies in the Synod are Harrisonburg, Mt. Jackson, Spring Valley, Woodstock, and Capon pastorates.

We recommend :

(a) That the Synod through its Executive Committee in co-operation with these several vacant pastorates endeavor to arrange for pastors at the following salaries : Harrisonburg, $800 and parsonage ; Mt. Jackson, $800 and parsonage ; Spring Valley, $500 and parsonage ; Woodstock, $800 and parsonage ; Capon, $600 and parsonage.

(b) *Resolved*, That the Synod adopt as a standing resolution the following :

That the Synod authorize its Executive Committee to correspond with all vacant congregations with a view to securing pledges from each pastorate that will assure the pastor a comfortable support.

(c) That the Elders of the vacant congregations be urged by the Executive Committee to hold public services until a pastor be secured.

E. L. FOLK,
W. J. SMITH,
J. F. BRUCH,
J. M. COINER,
J. T. CARR.

The following report was read and adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We, your Committee on President's Report, herewith submit the following :

1. We note with pleasure the emphasis placed by our President on what may be termed the devotional features of his report, hereby stressing our peculiar obligations as a Synod to Almighty God for his manifest and manifold mercies and blessings.

2. That we approve all the official acts of our President.

3. We deplore with the President the many and prolonged vacancies in our midst, since the results are of necessity so disastrous within the bounds of parishes and Synod alike, and we hereby urge our vacant congregations to a more earnest and faithful use of the kind offices of our President and Executive Committee. Your committee also feels that a more generous spirit on the part of all our congregations in the matter of ministerial support would tend greatly not only toward the procuring, but also toward the retaining of our faithful pastors. Our Southern Lutheran Church needs, we feel, an awakening along this line.

4. We join with the President in his regret that many of our pastorates "find it so difficult to determine upon pastors." Ideal and exceptional pastors demand ideal and exceptional parishes, so we suggest that our parishes do not stand "idle all the day" awaiting the coming of their ideal.

5. We commend the regular reporting to our President on the part of pastors of any very special changes and improvements in church properties to be incorporated in his report for the information and encouragement of our people.

6. We approve heartily his suggestion as to Roanoke College Day and suggest to all our pastors that such be made a regular feature of our work since the new Roanoke appeals to our Church with enlarged advantage in the field of Christian culture, as well as in the matter of church obligation.

7. We suggest that at the very earliest opportunity the Synod elect its delegates to the United Synod.

8. That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered the President for the faithful and efficient discharge of his official duties.

J. A. HUFFARD,
PETER MILLER,
W. W. J. RITCHIE,
J. L. CLEMMER,
C. H. CLINE.

BOND TO BE PAID.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay the bond of $333.33, held by the Pastors' Fund Society, out of the Special Synodical Home Mission Fund.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay to the Home Mission Board of the United Synod any funds in his hands in the Church Extension Fund.

On motion, the Synod adjourned, to meet as a Ministerium, with prayer by Rev. Geo. E. Shuey.

FIFTH SESSION.

St. Peter's Church, Shepherdstown, W. Va.,
Friday, August 26, 1910, 9 A. M.

The Synod was opened by Rev. Peter Miller with special prayer for Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., and wife.

The roll was called. The minutes were read and approved.

The election of delegates to the United Synod resulted as follows :

DELEGATES TO UNITED SYNOD.

CLERICAL.

PRINCIPALS.	ALTERNATES.
Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D.,	Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D.,
Rev. A. D. R. Hancher,	Rev. E. A. Repass, Ph. D.,
Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D.,	Rev. Peter Miller,
Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.,	Rev. E. L. Folk,
Rev. W. P. Huddle,	Rev. J. M. Shreckhise,
Rev. W. H. Riser,	Rev. J. A. Huffard,
Rev. W. J. Smith.	Rev. C. W. Cassell.

On motion, Rev. E. C. Cronk addressed the Synod on some details relative to the Laymen's Movement.

ARCHIVIST.

The President appointed Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Archivist.

The following resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Whereas, The United Synod has determined to remove the Theological Seminary from Mt. Pleasant, S. C., to Columbia, S. C., as quickly as possible ; and

WHEREAS, The agent for the Seminary fund is now in Virginia, specially called and commissioned by the United Synod to visit our various Synods, to raise the means necessary to such removal of our Theological Seminary, and its permanent establishment at Columbia, S. C. ; therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend that our various charges be opened to his canvass for this object, when he may be able to visit the same.

The following report was read, considered by items, and adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

Your Committee on Letters and Petitions, having carefully considered the papers placed in our hands, beg leave to report the following :

The resolutions of the Synod of Southwestern Virginia concerning Marion College have been returned to the committee from that Synod, and because this has been considered by a special committee, we make no recommendations.

Petitions from Rev. A. M. Smith and Rev. Dr. J. A. Snyder, asking to be excused from this meeting of Synod because of the infirmities of age, have come to us. We recommend that they be excused.

A letter, addressed to the President of Synod, has been handed to us from Rev. Dr. R C. Holland, President of the Board of Foreign Missions. We ask permission to read this letter, and heartily commend this work to our congregations.

The following resolution adopted at the recent meeting of the Synod of Southwestern Virginia has been placed in our hands :

Resolved, That our Committee to Confer with the Virginia Synod and the Virginia Conference of the Tennessee Synod upon the Subject of the Consolidation of these Bodies, be instructed to prepare, in conjunction with the Committee of the Virginia Synod and the Committee of the Virginia Conference of the Tennessee Synod, a detailed plan for such consolidation, the same to be submitted to these bodies at their conventions in 1911, and that the plan as submitted shall be the special order in this Synod at 10 o'clock on the morning of the second day of the Convention.

We recommend that a committee be appointed to comply with the above resolution.

We have received also a petition from Trinity congregation at Newport News, asking for and to the amount of $600 from Synod to help over the crisis existing there at this time, accompanied by a statement from the financial secretary.

We recommend that this matter be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee for their consideration and action.

C. W. CASSELL,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
MAYBERRY McKEE,
W. P. HUDDLE,
JACOB UMLAUF.

On motion, the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D.

SIXTH SESSION.

St. Peter's Church, Shepherdstown, W. Va.,
Friday, August 26, 1910, 2 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Huffard. The minutes were read and approved.

LAY-DELEGATES TO UNITED SYNOD.

The election of lay-delegates to the United Synod resulted as follows :

Principals.	Alternates.
J. E. Cooper,	H. M. Clemmer,
M. Coffman,	Geo. H. Snarr,
S. T. Shank,	Daniel Welsh,
J. Frank Clemmer,	John J. Moyer,
Geo. M. Beltzhoover, Esq.,	Dr. P. B. Stickley,
Jacob Umlauf,	J. W. Stover,
J. A. Alexander, Esq.,	A. H. Towberman.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERARY INSTITUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Literary Institutions, have had placed in our hands the catalogue of Roanoke Colllege, the *Roanoke Collegian* for July, and the catalogue of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mt. Pleasant.

ROANOKE COLLEGE.

It is gratifying to note that Roanoke College is doing such efficient work as a servant of the church. 180 students were enrolled this year, 22 graduates going out in June. The addition of the Commons, the Dormitory, and Gymnasium will not only add to Roanoke's already

most efficient work; but, we believe, will promote a college spirit and fellowship invaluable to the future growth of our work.

That a gift of $1,000 has been received from Rev. W. E. Hubbert to establish the Henry Samuel Hubbert Fund, and that by the bequest of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Ott of $4,500, the income from which shall be used for young men preparing for the Lutheran ministry, more of our young men will be enabled to render efficient service.

We recommend:

That our pastors be urged to co-operate with the officials of the College in securing students, and that they urge upon their people the supreme importance of educating their sons in our own College.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We have heard with pleasure the verbal report made by Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., of the prosperous condition of our seminary and of the prospects for a larger attendance and plant. Last year there were in attendance 6 Seniors, 5 in the Middle class, and 3 in the Junior.

It is to be hoped that with such splendid prospects for an enlarged plant that the attendance will naturally increase and that all the theological students from our own territory will attend our own Seminary.

We recommend the appropriation of $100 for the coming year.

FEMALE COLLEGE.

We note with pleasure the appointment of a committee from our body to confer with a like committee from the Southwestern Virginia Synod as to a Female College, to be supported by the combined bodies, where our Lutheran girls shall be able to secure a higher education under distinctly Lutheran auspices.

J. J. SCHERER, JR.,
J. A. HUFFARD,
A. HENRY TOWBERMAN,
F. W. HAMER,
E. L. FOLK.

The following report was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SECRETARY'S REPORT.

We, your Committee to which the Secretary's Report was referred, have examined the same and find that, in the performance of his duties, he has incurred an expense of $3.80.

We recommend that he receive that amount from the Treasurer of Synod. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SHUEY,
E. A. REPASS,
C. W. CASSELL.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We would note first that only thirteen reports were placed in our hands—less than one-half of the number of pastorates in the Synod, and of these some were so vague and general that not much as to the state of the churches could be gathered from them.

Again, not very much could be discovered with regard to the real spirituality—the Christian consistency of walk and conversation of the people—nothing was said of either the presence or absence of family worship among the people—nothing of their private reading or neglect of the Word of God—nothing of their consistency of observation of the sanctity of the Lord's day—nothing of the prevalence of worldly amusements and reading, or of many other things which enter largely into correct judgment of the Christian state of the congregation.

If any proper judgment can be arrived at from the reports handed in, not much value seems to be set upon seeking the conversion to God of the unchurched masses, or much effort made in the way of direct evangelistic preaching to them, but pretty much all stress seems to be laid upon caring for our own immediate congregations, through the regular services of the church, and catechization. Catechization is a most important means of building up and strengthening the material we already have in our congregations, specially the young of the church, but sad will be the record of that church that neglects to seek to gather in the millions entirely outside, by warm, earnest, direct preaching of the Gospel to them; for it is and will ever remain true that "it pleases God, by the foolishness of preaching, to save them that believe." The two should ever go together, and the one by no means interferes with the other: catechization mainly to edify those within, and evangelistic preaching to reach those without.

We note with pleasure the apparent increase in the practice of catechization among our churches, the beginnings of better things in the promotion of evangelical reading, and libraries of church literature among our people, as also in the circulation of our own papers throughout our congregations, and the increasing disposition to systematise our financial efforts of every kind.

L. G. M. MILLER,
J. M. SHRECKHISE,
D. W. FILES,
JOSIAH WISMAN,
JOSEPH HAWKINS.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

WHEREAS, We surely believe that the Lord's Supper is a very means of grace, a source of consolation, strength, and blessing to all believers who receive it; and

WHEREAS, Every member of any and all our churches, in good standing in the same, is, by our Lord's own direction and command, entitled to that means of grace, whenever and wherever administered in the public worship of the congregation; and

WHEREAS, At our synodical meetings, it is so administered sometimes, as to convey the idea to those present that it is only intended for the members of Synod, which restriction, were it intended to limit participation in that holy ordinance to only a particular number or class of the members of our congregations present, and excluding other members of our congregations present, would be altogether unwarrantable and unscriptural; therefore be it

Resolved, That it be clearly announced, at the time, to the congregation present, that every member, in good standing, in any and all of our congregations, has equal right, with any and all other members of our congregations present, whether members of the Synod or not, to the ordinance, and that clear and adequate opportunity be given to allow of their participation in the same, in any and all of our communions at Synod.

On motion, the presence of Rev. C. S. Stanton of the M. E. Church, South, was recognized.

RAILROAD FARE TO UNITED SYNOD.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay one-half of the railroad fare of delegates to the United Synod.

LETTER FROM PUBLICATION BOARD.

The Secretary read a letter from Rev. W. H. Greever, D. D., of the Lutheran Board of Publication, Columbia, S. C., conveying greetings to this body, and asking futher co-operation with the Board in its enlarged work.

The following report was read and adopted.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee Appointed to Nominate an Executive Committee, report the following: Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., Rev. G. S. Bowers,

D. D., Rev. W. J. Smith, Rev. C. W. Cassell, and Messrs. J. E. Cooper and G. M. Beltzhoover.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HUDDLE,
J. A. MOREHEAD,
H. K. GREEN,
J. W. SHUEY.

HYMNAL FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Rev. E. C. Cronk announced that the Hymnal for Sunday-schools was ready, at the price of $30 per hundred, freight not paid.

UNION OF SYNODS.

The President announced the following Committee on Union of Synods: Revs. C. W. Cassell, E. L. Folk, and John J. Moyer.

Rev. W. H. Riser, as a member of the Board of Home Missions of the United Synod, gave a summary of the work of that Board.

The following report was made, asking the instruction of this Synod on the location of that institution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARION FEMALE COLLEGE.

Your Committee Appointed to Confer with Committees of other Church Bodies concerning the perpetuity and enlargement of the work of Marion Female College, has gathered what information it could from the president elect of said college, and from others interested, but that your committee may be the better qualified to act in conjunction with committees of other church bodies, ask instruction of the Synod whether it would be willing to approve and endorse uniting in and cooperating in establishing and maintaining a female college to be located as a church school, at Marion, Va.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. HAITHCOX,
J. A. HUFFARD,
GEO. M. BELTZHOOVER,
S. T. SHANK.

The committee was instructed to say this Synod preferred another location than Marion.

NIGHT SESSION.

On motion, a night session of the Synod was ordered to be held after the church service.

The following resolution was adopted :

MUSIC EDITION OF BOOK OF WORSHIP.

WHEREAS, There is urgent need of a music edition of our Book of Worship for use in the majority of our congregations ; and

WHEREAS, Such an edition of our new Book of Worship has been prepared, and is ready for the press, but publication was postponed to await further instruction from the United Synod ; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That it is the sense of this Synod that the United Synod should unite with the other general bodies in the preparation of a Common Hymnal with music.

Resolved, 2. That, in view of the immediate urgent need, it is the sense of this Synod that the United Synod should proceed as speedily as possible, to publish the music edition of the Book of Worship as contemplated, and instruct her delegation to use their influence to this end.

On motion, the Synod adjourned with the benediction by Rev. E. C. Cronk.

SEVENTH SESSION.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. VA.,
FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 1910, 9 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. I. Coiner.

The following report was read and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your committee, appointed to examine the Treasurer's Report, have carefully examined said report, and find it correct.

S. T. SHANK,
J. M. MILLER.

The following report was read and adopted :

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

We report apportionments same as last year, both for congregations and Sunday-schools, with the exception of Beneficiary Education.

APPORTIONMENTS.

PASTORATE.	Theological Seminary.	Beneficiary Education.	Spec. Synodical Home Mission Fund.	Synodical Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphan Home.	Church Extension of United Synod.	Portsmouth Property.
Bethany	$ 3 00	$ 10 00	$ 28 00	$ 8 00	$ 28 00	$ 25 00	$ 7 00	$ 28 00	$ 28 00
Bethlehem	5 00	8 00	32 00	5 00	14 00	10 00	3 00	14 00	10 00
Capon	2 00	6 00	20 00	3 00	16 00	10 00	5 00	16 00	10 00
Churchville	2 00	6 00	16 00	2 50	6 00	10 00	2 00	6 00	16 00
Pleasant View	2 00	6 00	16 00	5 00	8 00	10 00	3 00	8 00	16 00
Gravel Springs	7 00	18 00	40 00	15 00	65 00	55 00	25 00	65 00	25 00
Harrisonburg	3 00	10 00	20 00	4 00	18 00	15 00	5 00	18 00	20 00
Luray: Ebenezer	1 00	2 00	6 00	2 00	7 50	7 00	2 50	7 50	6 00
Luray: St. Mark	2 00	6 00	12 00	4 50	9 00	10 00	4 00	9 00	12 00
Luray: Bethlehem	1 00	2 00	4 00	2 75	6 00	5 00	2 00	6 00	4 00
Madison: Pisgah	1 00	10 00	8 00	2 75	2 00	5 00	1 00	2 00	8 00
Madison: Hebron	12 00	24 00	80 00	25 00	90 00	65 00	25 00	90 00	80 00
Middlebrook: Holy Trinity	2 00	12 00	20 00	5 00	20 00	15 00	5 00	20 00	20 00
Middlebrook: St. Mark	1 00	4 00	10 00	2 00	9 00	10 00	1 50	9 00	10 00
Middlebrook: Mt. Hermon	1 00	4 00	4 00	1 50	6 00	6 00	1 00	6 00	4 00
Mt. Jackson	4 00	20 00	68 00	20 00	87 00	60 00	17 50	87 00	68 00
Mt. Tabor	8 00	20 00	56 00	15 00	65 00	50 00	15 00	65 00	56 00
New Market: St. Matthew	5 00	10 00	56 00	9 00	45 00	35 00	5 00	45 00	56 00
New Market: St. Mark	4 00	6 00	28 00	3 00	14 00	15 00	4 00	14 00	28 00
New Market: St. Martin	4 00	6 00	28 00	3 00	14 00	15 00	4 00	14 00	28 00
Newport News	2 00	10 00	28 00	5 00	8 00	15 00	3 00	8 00	10 00
Norfolk	2 00	10 00	28 00	7 00	20 00	20 00	7 00	20 00	15 00
North River	4 00	6 00	8 00	5 00	19 00	10 00	5 00	19 00	15 00
Portsmouth	1 00	4 00	7 00	1 00	2 00	7 00	4 00	2 00	8 00
Richmond	4 00	15 00	32 00	8 00	22 50	30 00	7 00	22 50	25 00
Rockingham	3 00	6 00	20 00	7 00	24 00	20 00	7 50	24 00	20 00
Shenandoah: Mt. Zion	2 00	9 00	16 00	3 00	15 00	20 00	2 50	15 00	16 00
Shenandoah: St. Luke	1 00	5 00	12 00	2 00	10 00	10 00	2 50	10 00	12 00
Shenandoah: Lebanon	2 00	10 00	16 00	5 00	22 00	15 00	3 00	22 00	16 00
Shepherdstown: St. Peter	8 00	20 00	80 00	25 00	66 00	50 00	20 00	66 00	80 00
Shepherdstown: St. James	4 00	14 00	48 00	12 00	34 00	35 00	10 00	34 00	48 00
Spring Val.: Buena Vista	3 00	6 00	16 00	4 00	10 00	8 00	3 00	10 00	10 00
Spring Val.: New Mt. Olive	1 00	6 00	14 00	1 50	3 50	5 50	1 00	3 50	14 00
Spring Val.: Spring Valley	1 00	6 00	14 00	1 50	3 50	5 50	1 00	3 50	14 00
Salem	5 00	12 00	40 00	17 00	42 00	45 00	7 50	42 00	40 00
Staunton	7 00	24 00	80 00	20 00	70 00	60 00	20 00	70 00	80 00
Stephen's City: St. Paul	2 00	7 00	16 00	5 00	22 00	15 00	2 50	22 00	16 00
Stephen's City: Trinity	2 00	6 00	14 00	7 00	20 00	18 00	5 00	20 00	14 00
Strasburg: St. Paul	1 50	16 00	56 00	12 00	30 00	30 00	7 50	30 00	60 00
Strasburg: St. Peter	1 50	16 00	56 00	10 00	25 00	25 00	7 50	25 00	40 00
Waynesboro	2 00	6 00	28 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	3 00	5 00	20 00
Winchester	15 00	40 00	200 00	75 00	225 00	800 00	55 00	225 00	200 00
Woodstock	9 00	20 00	80 00	20 00	35 00	35 00	9 00	35 00	80 00
Zion-St. James	7 00	20 00	56 00	15 00	70 00	55 00	13 00	70 00	56 00
Total	$160 00	$484 00	$1517 00	$411 00	$1323 00	$1777 00	$344 00	$1333 00	$1414 00

W. H. RISER,
W. J. SMITH,
C. W. CASSELL,
G. F. LENZ,
R. A. GRAVES.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL APPORTIONMENTS.

FOR SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

Sunday-School—Pastorate.	Apportioned.
Bethany—Bethany	$ 8 00
Bethlehem—Bethlehem	6 00
Grace—Waynesboro	6 00
Trinity—Buena Vista	2 00
Hebron—Capon	5 00
St. Peter's—Capon	5 00
Mt. Moriah—North River	2 00
Ebenezer—North River	4 00
St. Peter's—Churchville	2 00
Pleasant View—Churchville	4 00
Bethel—Gravel Springs	8 00
Fremont—Gravel Springs	1 00
Gravel Springs—Gravel Springs	5 00
St. John—Gravel Springs	8 00
St. James—Gravel Springs	5 00
Muhlenberg—Harrisonburg	10 00
Lebanon—Shenandoah	5 00
Mt. Zion—Shenandoah	5 00
St. Luke—Shenandoah	2 50
St. Paul—Stephen's City	5 00
Trinity—Stephen's City	5 00
Hebron—Madison	15 00
Mt. Pisgah—Madison	1 00
Mt. Calvary—Mt. Jackson	6 00
Bethel—Mt. Jackson	2 50
St. James—Mt. Jackson	2 50
Holy Trinity—Middlebrook	5 00
Mt. Hermon—Middlebrook	1 50
St. Mark's—Middlebrook	3 50
Mt. Tabor—Mt. Tabor	10 00
St. Matthew—New Market	4 00
St. Mark—New Market	2 00
St. Martin—New Market	2 00
First Church—Norfolk	10 00
Bethlehem—Luray	1 00
St. Mark's—Luray	8 00
Ebenezer—Luray	5 00
First English Church—Richmond	15 00
Frieden's—Rockingham	3 00
St. John—Rockingham	3 00
St. Peter—Shepherdstown	20 00
St. James—Shepherdstown	10 00
Christ Church—Staunton	20 00
St. Paul—Strasburg	15 00
St. Peter—Strasburg	10 00
Salem—Salem	12 00
Melanchthon Chapel—Salem	5 00
St. James—Salem	5 00
Zion—Zion-St. James	8 00
St. James—Zion-St. James	8 00
Grace Church—Winchester	100 00
Emanuel—Woodstock	25 00
Newport News—Newport News	5 00
Spring Valley—Spring Valley	1 00
New Mt. Olive—Spring Valley	2 00
Portsmouth—Portsmouth	5 00
	$454 50

APPROPRIATIONS.

FROM BENEFICIARY EDUCATION FUND.

Mr. A. Link	$ 100 00
Mr. A. W. Craun	100 00
Mr. C. W. Hepner	150 00

FROM SYNODICAL HOME MISSION FUND.

Harrisonburg	$ 500 00
Capon pastorate	150 00
Waynesboro	100 00
Churchville	150 00
Rockingham	100 00
Buena Vista	50 00
Portsmouth	900 00

FROM THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND.

For Theological Seminary	$ 100 00

FROM HOME MISSIONS, UNITED SYNOD FUND.

For Home Missions	$ 2025 00

FROM ORPHAN HOME FUND.

For Orphan Home	$ 350 00

FROM FOREIGN MISSIONS, UNITED SYNOD FUND.

For Foreign Missions	$ 2025 00

FROM SYNODICAL FUND.

For Secretary's salary and expenses	$ 19 00
For Treasurer's salary and expenses	56 01
For President's expenses	2 50
For sexton	5 00

FROM CHURCH EXTENSION UNITED SYNOD.

For Church Extension	$ 1333 00

On motion, $5 were appropriated to the sexton of the church for services rendered.

RECOMMENDATION OF MINISTERIUM.

On motion, the recommendation of the Ministerium granting Adam Link $100 was adopted.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion, a vote of sincere and hearty thanks were given to the pastor, the congregation, and their friends for the cordial hospitality received during the sessions of Synod; also to the choir for the special music rendered; and ordered that the same be read at the Sunday morning service.

CHANGE OF RESOLUTION.

On motion, the second resolution of the Report of the Committee on Female Education was amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That this Synod appoint a committee to confer with similar committees of sister bodies for the perfecting of plans for said purpose, which plans shall be submitted to their respective bodies before meeting in joint session.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Salem church, near Mt. Sidney, Va., was selected as the place, and the time was left to the officers of Synod and the pastor *loci*.

FRATERNAL DELEGATE TO TENNESSEE SYNOD.

On motion, the Synod elected Rev. E. A. Repass, Ph. D., fraternal delegate to the next meeting of the Tennessee Synod.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

On motion, 1500 copies of the Minutes of this session were ordered printed and distributed among the congregations on the usual basis..

COMMITTEE ON PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

On motion, the following committee was appointed to rearrange headings in the Parochial Reports: Rev. C. A. Marks, J. F. Bruch, J. G. Graichen.

SPEAKERS FOR NEXT SYNOD.

Ordination—Rev. C. A. Marks.
Education—Rev. W. B. Oney.
Missions—Rev. J. W. Shuey.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, the Synod was formally adjourned by the use of the order for closing Synod in the Book of Worship.

The benediction was pronounced by the President, Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D.

A. D. R. HANCHER, Secretary
Evang. Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

FORM FOR REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

1. Activity in Christian Work.
2. Attendance on Service.
3. Benevolence.
4. Sunday-schools.
5. Catechization.
6. Finances.
7. Church Property.
8. Education.
9. Church Literature.

MINUTES

OF THE

MINISTERIUM

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EVANG. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

FIRST SESSION.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. VA.,
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1910, 4.30 P. M.

The Ministerium was opened with prayer by Rev. W. P. Huddle.

The Examining Committee reported the results of their examination of Adam Link, and recommended to the Synod that an appropriation of $100 be granted him for this year at Roanoke College.

On motion, it was ordered that at the opening of Synod on Friday morning special prayer be offered for Rev. L. L. Smith, D. D., and wife, led by Rev. Peter Miller.

On motion, the Ministerium adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D.

A. D. R. HANCHER, *Secretary*
Ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia.

DIVINE SERVICES.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. VA.

TUESDAY AUGUST 23, 1910.

8.30 P. M.—Opening sermon by Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D., Winchester, Va.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1910.

11 A. M.—Synodical communion sermon by Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., Mt. Pleasant, S. C.

7.30 P. M.—Educational Address by Rev. J. I. Coiner, Lexington, Va.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1910.

11 A. M.—Missionary sermon by Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, Kumamoto, Japan.

7.30 P. M.—Address on Missions by Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., Richmond, Va., and Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, Kumamoto, Japan.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 1910.

11 A. M.—Sermon by Rev. A. C. Karkau, Newport News, Va.

7.30 P. M.—Address on Laymen's Movement by Rev. E. C. Cronk, Columbia, S. C.

Address on Orphan Home by Supt. J. T. Crabtree, Salem, Virginia.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 1910.

11 A. M.—Sermon by Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D., Salem, Va.

7.30 P. M.—Sermon by Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

REFORMED CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Sermon by Rev. W. H. Riser, Norfolk, Va.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

11 A. M.—Sermon by Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, Staunton, Va.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Sermon by Rev. Geo. S. Bowers, D. D., Winchester, Va.

M. E. CHURCH.

11 A. M.—Sermon by Rev. E. L. Folk, Middlebrook, Va.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. That the Treasurer is directed to correspond with any beneficiaries who have received aid from Synod in the prosecution of their studies, and who have abandoned their intention of entering the ministry, and urge upon them in view of the pressing needs of Synod, the importance of refunding the amount of principal and interest due upon their bonds.

Resolved, 2. That no application for clerical membership in this Synod, made by a minister who has been dismissed from another denomination, shall be entertained by the Ministerium, or Synod, unless his application be approved by at least three-fourths of the Ministerium present at any regular or special convention thereof, and unless the candidate shall have received, and present for inspection, a regular call from a pastorate or congregation under the jurisdiction of this body.

Resolved, 3. That no minister shall be allowed to take charge of a pastorate or vacant church until the members thereof shall have satisfactorily settled their pecuniary obligations with their previous pastor.

Resolved, 4. That every pastor be required to give a written report on the state of the church at our annual meetings.

Resolved, 5. That, in the reception of lay-delegates at the organization of Synod, a written certificate be required, signed by the pastor and secretary of the council.

Resolved, 6. That all reports and information from institutions respecting our beneficiaries be sent directly to the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Resolved, 7. That any pastor having served seven years continuously in the Lutheran ministry shall be relieved from all financial obligations for beneficiary aid to this Synod, and the Treasurer be instructed to return such bonds as he may hold against such individuals.

Resolved, 8. That all applicants for aid shall file their applications, at least thirty days before the meeting of Synod, with the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and that the Report of the Executive Committee be printed along with the other reports for distribution at opening of Synod.

Resolved, 9. That the candidates for the ministry accepted by this Synod, in both their college and seminary courses, are to be governed by the Synod in its direction as to the institutions they shall attend.

Resolved, 10. That any candidates for the ministry receiving aid from this Synod are obligated to work during their seminary vacations in any fields within our bounds, if the Church or the President of Synod so desire.

Resolved, 11. That candidates for the ministry receiving aid, having completed their college and seminary courses, be obligated to give the preference to work within our bounds, provided they receive calls to our pastorates, and said calls are approved by the proper officers of Synod.

Resolved, 12. That when said candidates for the ministry receiving aid and completing their courses in college and seminary accept work in the weaker pastorates of the Synod at salaries less than $600, the Treasurer of this Synod shall be directed to credit their bonds with the difference.

Resolved, 13. That candidates for the ministry receiving aid from this Synod shall receive ordination from this body unless permission to the contrary be given by the President of Synod.

Resolved, 14. That the Treasurer of Synod close his books fifteen days before the date of the opening of Synod.

Resolved, 15. That the Synod authorize its Executive Committee to correspond with all vacant congregations with a view to securing pledges from each pastorate that will assure the pastor a comfortable support.

Resolved, 16. That the Elders of the vacant congregations be urged by the Executive Committee to hold public services until a pastor be secured.

On motion, the Minutes of the Synod are to be paid for, in the future, as soon as synodical funds are in the hands of the Treasurer.

On motion, the President of Synod was made a member of the Executive Committee.

On motion, all moneys collected in our congregations are to pass through the hands of the Treasurer of this Synod.

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Roanoke College,

SALEM, VIRGINIA.

Under the Auspices of the Two Synods in Virginia.

Session Opens Second Wednesday of September Each Year.

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